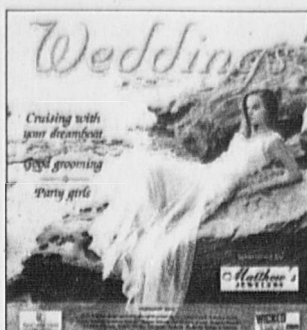




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## TOWN MEETING

# Meals tax being served up again

By Mary Ford  
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If Town Manager Chris Senior has his way then Cohasset will get another bite at passing the meals tax at Town Meeting this spring.

As the Town Meeting

Warrant takes shape, it is looking as though the local-option meals tax and rooms tax will be before the voters for the fourth time on May 2.

Residents have had no appetite for the tax on three previous occasions; the tax – that has to be adopted at

town meeting – was rejected at two prior annual town meetings and one special town meeting. The most recent attempt to pass the tax was at the annual Town Meeting in April 2013.

To some officials the tax seems like a “no-brainer” with folks who eat out at

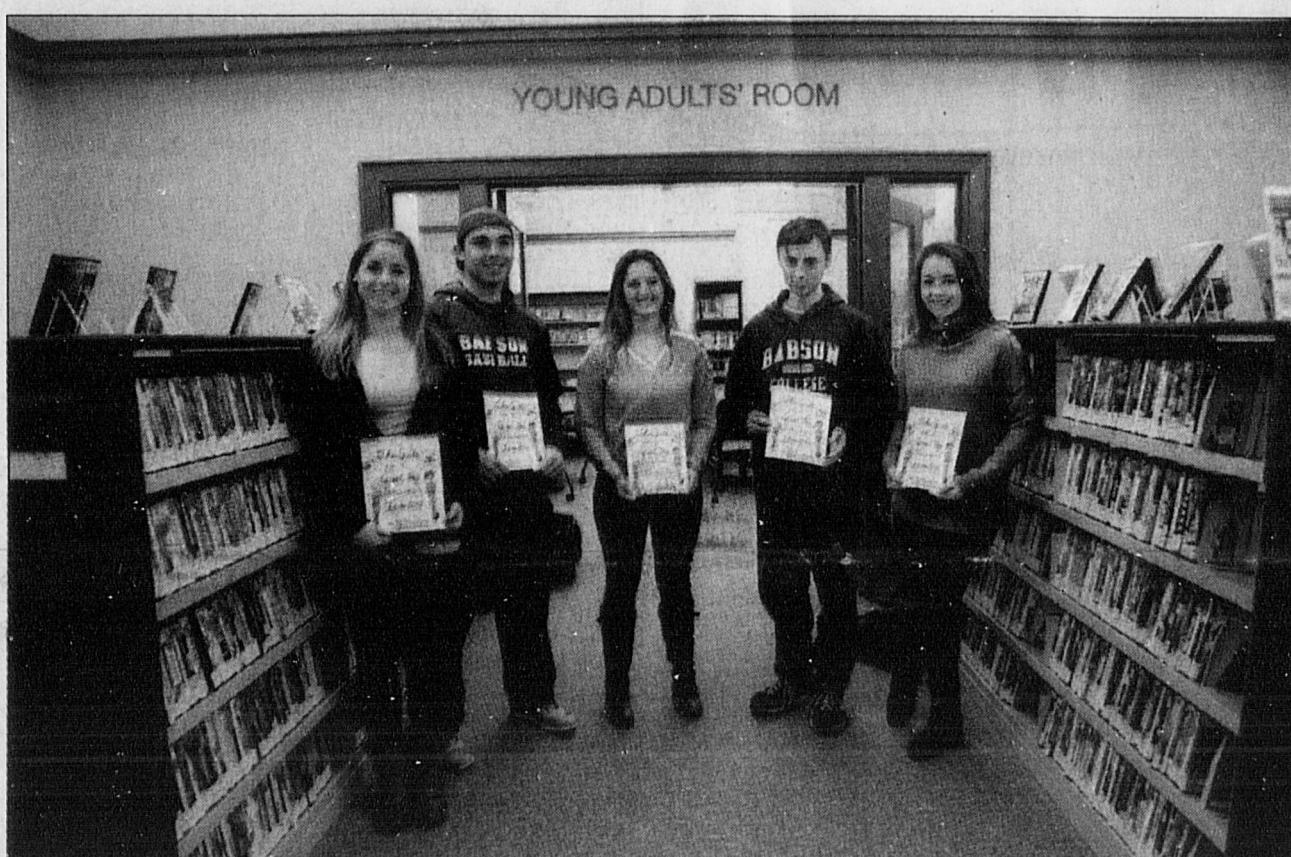
local restaurants paying a few extra dollars that will end up in the town coffers. Cohasset is lagging behind its neighbors who have all adopted the meals tax and are getting that extra revenue.

But the highly competitive wedding-venues in

town could suffer. At the April 2013 annual Town Meeting, Joe Campbell of Atlantica and the Cohasset Harbor Inn noted the taxes hurt small businesses, especially those which primarily host wedding parties. He

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## COLLEGE STUDENT



Babson students (L-R), Ashley Tango, Michael Genaro, Caty Gillman of Cohasset, Robert Herendeen, and Emma Dineen, with their collaborative children's book. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY CHRIS BERNSTEIN

# Gilman helps create children's book

Goal to teach kids entrepreneurship

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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In her first year at Babson College, Caty Gilman is learning business by the book. By the picture book, that is.

Gilman and her peers created a children's book called “BizBuddies” to

teach the next generation about entrepreneurship as part of their “Foundations of Management and Entrepreneurship” class. On the 21-student team, Gilman serves as the marketing and social media manager.

“Entrepreneurship is what Babson is known for,” said Gilman, “and they're very interested in our product.”

Before the team could

start writing, it had to build a company that could produce, market and distribute the book. Gilman, a Cohasset High graduate, and her teammates had to submit a 25-page report including plans for financials, marketing, sales, and, of course, the launch. They conducted focus groups with local elementary

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The team has been reaching out to libraries, communities and parents to set up “entrepreneur parties,” where members of the marketing team will share the book and lead children in activities...

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

# Cool request

Refrigerators  
get warm reception

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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Twelve years is a lifetime to a refrigerator, and the ones at the senior affordable housing units on Elm Street have reached their collective end. The Housing Authority has asked the Community Preservation Committee to fund the replacement of 55 refrigerators for a total of \$33,000.

Last year, the committee supplied the Housing Authority with funds to replace hot water heaters and storm doors at the 60 Elm Street community. While new refrigerators are not state-mandated like the heaters and doors were, it is key to provide residents with working units for health and safety reasons.

The senior housing at 60 Elm is the only subsidized housing in town. The people who live there pay one third of their income, regardless of whether that's \$500 or \$5 (in fact, the lowest rent payment right now

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## GREEN AWARD

# New signs pointing to success

Cohasset is an  
energy-saver

By Amanda C. Thompson  
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New signs will soon hang by the entrances of the recycling center, the high school, the Town Hall, and a handful of other spots around town, declaring that Cohasset has been officially recognized by the state of Massachusetts as a Green Community.

On Dec. 22, 2015, the State Department of Energy

Resources informed the town that its Green Communities application had been approved and the state would be providing a grant of \$141,460, pending the receipt of paperwork declaring how the money would be used.

The town originally hoped to use the grant to replace streetlights with energy efficient LED alternatives, but data on the light fixtures was not fully available in time to submit the application, so that project will have to wait until next year's grant cycle.

This year's grant will be used to upgrade exterior lighting at each of the town's three schools, the Cohasset Teen Center and the public works department, install heat distribution fans in the middle/high school gym, and replace an electric motor controller at the police station.

To be awarded “Green Community” status, the town had to meet five criteria.

Voters at last year's Annual Town Meeting supported

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On Dec. 22, 2015, the State Department of Energy Resources declared Cohasset a “Green Community,” paving the way for the town to receive grants for renewable energy projects. Town Manager Chris Senior (left) celebrates the victory with two key players, Alternative Energy Committee Chairman Shaun Selha (right) and Vice Chairman Mary Jo Larson (center). WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

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## PICTURE THIS Kristen Sherman

**Name:** Kristen Sherman.  
**Occupation:** Director of Development, South Shore Art Center.  
**Best day:** I have had a lot of best days. Watching my sons making something together whether it's a cake, Lego machine, or fort from sofa pillows, these moments are usually a part of a "best day."  
**Best vacation:** A summer week in a rustic, tiny cabin on Tricky Pond in Maine with my family.  
**Favorite season:** Fall has it all: start of art season, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and my birthday.  
**Favorite holiday:** New Year's Day.  
**Favorite snack:** Take 5 candy bars, a sweet and salty, under-marketed candy bar. I cannot understand why it is not more popular.  
**Best book:** "Rabbit At Rest," by John Updike.  
**Best movie:** Star Wars: The Force Awakens.  
**Best TV show:** "The Wire." Even though it has been off the air since 2008 it is still



The Mariner caught up with Kristen Sherman (assistant director) at the South Shore Art Center. If you see Kristen around town, be sure to tell her you saw her in Picture This! WICKED LOCAL PHOTO CHRIS BERNSTEIN

the best.  
**Best music, group, or artist:** Recent obsession, Brandi Carlile.  
**Fun fact:** I have met Yoko Ono.  
**Pet peeve:** People who "freak out" while walking through a

revolving door. Help push for crying out loud!  
**Goal:** Learn to play clarinet. Someday.  
**Person you'd most like to meet:** Cindy Sherman, photographer. (No relation.)  
**Biggest worry:** As a Virgo,

I'm hardwired to be worried about everything. I try not to though.  
**Best part of Cohasset:** South Shore Art Center, a beehive of creativity and personalities of all ages. I'm lucky to be a small part of it.

### COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

## Movie Day features Betty White film

**New location:** Cohasset Elder Affairs is now located at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. All events and activities will be held in that location unless otherwise noted. The center offers tours for visitors.

**ADULT COLORING:** 8 a.m. to noon, daily. This creative activity helps people de-stress from everyday pressures. By donation, the center has a supply of books with intricate patterns. Bring colored pens, pencils or crayons or use the one's provided. The center will also provide coffee.

**ANNA'S JUICE BAR:** 11 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 4-25. Stop by the dining room after the strength and conditioning class. Cost: \$1, includes a healthy energy boost after a workout. All invited to partake in Anna's delicious beverage and casual conversation.

**MOVIE DAY:** Noon, Feb. 29. Bring a lunch. The center will provide the drinks and popcorn. February's movie: "Annie's Point," starring Betty White.

**THE ART OF FERMENTING:** 1-3 p.m. March 7. In this class, Sue Jean teaches attendees how to make sauerkraut and the benefits of fermentation and probiotics. Cost: \$12, includes a take-home jar of sauerkraut.

**JOSEPH OSGOOD CHORUS:** Noon, March 9. Join for lunch and a musical performance by students

in kindergarten through grade two. Cost: \$3 lunch donation.

**A MATTER OF BALANCE:** 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 16-May 4. Facilitated by the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, this evidenced-based eight-week workshop is a program offering practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels in older adults. Program is grant-funded so free of charge, but class size is limited. Sign-up is required.

**LUNCH SCHEDULE AND MENU**  
Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.

**Tuesday,** March 1 - Lunch prepared French Memories  
**Wednesday,** March 2 - Lunch prepared by Launch: Beef and Broccoli  
**Thursday,** March 3 - Lunch prepared by Chef Trish: Chicken Parm

### Ongoing programs

**COHASSET CAFÉ:** Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats. Cost: \$3.

**VETERANS SERVICES HOURS,** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

**GENTLE YOGA,** Tuesdays,

9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Cost: \$5.

**GENTLE CHAIR YOGA:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. This class focuses on increasing mobility.

**BRIDGE,** Bring your own foursome. Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

**LINE DANCING,** Wednesdays, 3:30-3:30 p.m. Beginner to beginner plus. Helps posture and balance, improves memory skills and confidence. Drop-ins welcome. At 91 Sohier Street. Cost: \$5. Note: no line dancing classes in February.

**YOGA/MEDITATION,** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic, fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class. Cost: \$5.

**SENIOR STRETCH AND CONDITIONING CLASS:** Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. Cost per class is \$5.

**BOOK CLUB,** Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.

**ZUMBA GOLD:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, starting March 11. Taught by instructor Christine Ricci, a Zumba Gold workout incorporates dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed

at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance.

**KNITTING:** Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested).

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS** within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset.

**AROUND TOWN** Route 3A, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

**SHAWES,** Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

**COHASSET TRAIN STATION,** Wednesdays: 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.

**AROUND TOWN (DOWNTOWN COHASSET),** Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.

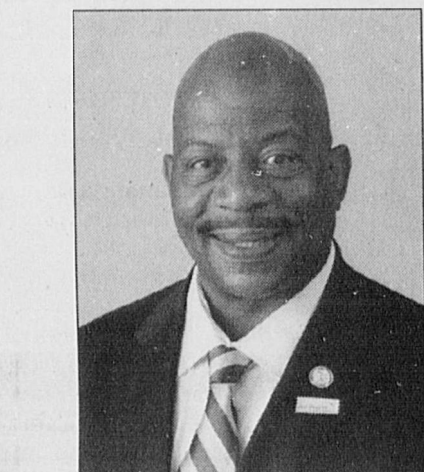
**STOP AND SHOP,** Fridays: 9:30 a.m.

**WALMART/HANOVER MALL, NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

**TRADER Joes/MARSHALLS,** second Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

**DERBY STREET SHOPS,** third Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SHOPS,** fourth Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.



## Applying for College? What You Need to Know About Financial Aid

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

As chancellor of Boston's urban public research university, I find our college application process to be one of the most exciting times of the year as we look forward to getting to know our future students.

As a parent, however, I know that applying for financial aid may be one of the most challenging parts of your son or daughter's college application experience.

The good news is that at UMass Boston, we award students more than \$150 million annually through federal, state, and institutional assistance with the help of expert staff who are on hand to help you navigate the financial aid process.

What's more, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for those who are applying for financial aid this fall.

The FAFSA helps colleges and universities determine student eligibility for grants and scholarships (free money), student loans (money that must be repaid), and federal work-study (money earned by working part-time on campus).

Completing the application is the first step to qualifying for federal, state, and institutional assistance, and it's free to fill out. Visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> to retrieve the required federal FSA ID number needed to electronically sign the FAFSA form.

Once you fill out the FAFSA, you can send it to as many schools as you'd like. UMass Boston's school code is 002222.

Today, the FAFSA is a little easier to complete. An IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) can input your financial information directly from the Internal Revenue Service, but to use it, you must wait two to three weeks after filing your federal tax return electronically, or eight to ten weeks if you are filing by mail. You also must be eligible for a tax refund, with a tax filing status of single, married filing jointly, or head of household.

UMass Boston requires only the FAFSA. If you are applying to other colleges and universities, they also may ask for a CSS Profile Application, which carries a fee. Check the requirements of all the schools that will receive your college application through their financial aid websites.

To receive the maximum aid available to you, submit your FAFSA by the school's deadline. However, you don't need to wait for an admission decision to apply for financial aid. UMass Boston's priority deadline is March 1 for new students. Submit your FAFSA early!

Upon receiving your FAFSA, the Financial Aid Services Office will send an award letter that details the types and amount of aid you are eligible to receive. Your awards may include student loans, which you are not required to accept. If you don't need some or all of a loan, you should decline it, because declining even a small portion will make a difference in your monthly loan repayment upon graduation.

For more information about UMass Boston, visit [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) or call 617.287.6000.



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Friday	26	1:19	8.9	1:37	8.9	7:20	0.2	7:40	0.3	6:23	5:28
Saturday	27	1:57	8.8	2:18	8.6	8:02	0.4	8:20	0.6	6:22	5:29
Sunday	28	2:37	8.7	3:02	8.2	8:45	0.7	9:02	0.9	6:20	5:31
Monday	29	3:21	8.5	3:49	7.9	9:32	0.9	9:48	1.2	6:19	5:32
Tuesday	01	4:08	8.3	4:40	7.6	10:23	1.1	10:39	1.5	6:17	5:33
Wednesday	02	4:59	8.3	5:36	7.5	11:17	1.2	11:33	1.5	6:16	5:34
Thursday	03	5:54	8.3	6:33	7.5			12:14	1.1	6:14	5:36

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## POLICE BEAT

# Frigid cold may have caused car window to shatter

By Mary Ford  
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## Window smashed

Police said the breaking of the front, passenger-side window of a 2008 Toyota Highlander on Tupelo Road was a result of the extremely frigid temperatures and not foul play.

A call came in at 8:15 a.m. on Monday (Feb. 15) from a 62-year-old resident who had gone out to discover the window in his SUV smashed out.

Police said he had used a remote starter 10 minutes earlier and the quick rise in temperature inside the vehicle may have caused the window to shatter.

Police could find no rock or other device near the car; they canvassed the neighborhood and there were no other reports of car break-ins. They believe the incident was weather-related.

## Wires call

A resident in the 700 block of Jerusalem Road reported at 10:19 p.m. on Monday (Feb. 15) that wires were arching on the pole across the street resulting in a power outage. Police and fire went to the scene; the mishap cut power to several houses. National Grid was able to restore power later that evening after repairing the wiring.

## Tapping noises

Police investigated a report from a Jerusalem

Road resident about suspicious activity after she reported hearing tapping noises in the cottage around 10:35 p.m. on Monday (Feb. 15). Investigation found animal footprints (likely from deer) near the basement windows and fresh cracks in the building, possibly from the cold.

## Potholes

Police caught up with a Brinks truck at Shaw's Plaza that had been reported as operating erratically along Route 3A from Scituate into Cohasset on Tuesday morning (Feb. 16). The driver checked out and explained that he had been avoiding potholes in the street.

## Door jammed

A Jerusalem Road homeowner went to the station on Tuesday (Feb. 16) around 12:43 p.m. to report that his house door was jammed and the key would not go in the lock; the resident was concerned there might have been an attempted break-in. Police could find no pry marks and believe the keyhole was frozen due to the cold. No foul play was suspected.

## Wires done

A tree took down electrical, cable and phone wires on Sandy Beach Lane on Tuesday evening (Feb. 16), police said. National Grid arrived after about 15 minutes to do repairs and took over the scene. Power was

restored later that evening.

## Threats

Police caught up with a Cohasset man walking on North Main Street near Sohier Street after a dog walker went to the station reporting the man had made threats to kill the dogs that he was walking on Government Island. The incident was reported at around 11 a.m. on Wednesday (Feb. 17).

Police said the man, who is known to police, admitted threatening to kill the dogs; he was transported to the hospital due to medical issues, police said.

## Unwanted

A Scituate man, who is known to police and is banned from Curtis Liquors, was seen outside the store in the parking lot on Wednesday (Feb. 17) around 4:44 p.m. The store reported the man had sent a woman friend in to buy him liquor and was refused service. When police arrived, the Scituate man had left the scene.

## MVA

Police said a single-car accident on Jerusalem Road by the Greek church was weather-related. The 60-year-old Cohasset woman operating a 2007 Ford sedan slid on black ice into a stonewall on Wednesday (Feb. 17) around 9:30 p.m. There was moderate damage to

the car, which was drivable. She was headed toward Black Rock Beach when the accident occurred.

## Hit & run

A 32-year-old Scituate man reported to police on Thursday afternoon (Feb. 18) that someone had sideswiped his 2003 Ford sedan that was parked on Highland Avenue up by St. Stephen's Church. There was damage to the passenger side but the car was drivable.

## Abandoned car

Police seized the plates of a 2007 GMC Envoy on Friday morning (Feb. 19) after the car had been reported as possibly abandoned at 348 C.N. Main St. where a home is unoccupied and undergoing renovations.

The car had an expired inspection sticker but after running the plate, police learned the car that is owned by a 43-year-old Rockland man, had revoked registration so they took the plates.

## No passing

Police caught up with a 1997 Saturn station wagon that had been reported as operating erratically on Route 3A, passing cars and almost causing collisions at 1:46 p.m. on Friday (Feb. 19). The vehicle turned left onto Beechwood Street and then right onto S. Main Street where police

stopped it near the Scituate line. The 69-year-old Weymouth man who was driving admitted to passing cars on 3A because they were going too slowly, police said.

However, a follow-up with the caller showed the Saturn had been passing in a no-passing zone. The Weymouth man was cited for marked lanes violation and speeding.

## Mistaken identity

A Scituate man reported to Scituate police that he spotted a man who had been reported by Hingham as missing on the HPD social media sites at Shaw's Plaza. Scituate police notified Cohasset police who went to Shaw's and found the man matching the description on a bench outside the store. As it turned out the man at Shaw's is an employee who was on his break and was not the missing Hingham man.

## MV stop/tow

Police had a 2007 Nissan Altima towed following a traffic stop on Saturday (Feb. 20) around 12:07 p.m. on Beechwood Street at Norman Todd Road. A 23-year-old Cohasset man was driving. The officer made the stop because the registration had expired. The car was towed because the registration was unable to be renewed online at the scene. The driver was cited for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

## Warrant arrest

A Cohasset officer clearing an unrelated call ran the plate of a 1996 Crown Victoria on Avalon Drive on Sunday (Feb. 21) around 11:55 a.m. that showed the registered owner was wanted on a felony default warrant. Police knocked on the apartment door and the car owner answered. Placed under arrest was Thomas J. Duggan, 33, of 11 Bay View Dr. Police said he was residing with his girlfriend in Cohasset. Duggan's default warrant was out of West Roxbury District Court for distribution of a Class B drug; and possession of Class B and Class A drugs. Police said he did not appear in court for a probation violation and the warrant was issued.

## Warrant arrest

An officer ran a registration check on a 1997 Toyota Corolla on Route 3A near the Hingham line on Sunday (Feb. 21) around 2:42 p.m. that showed the registered owner had an outstanding warrant. Police stopped the car and arrested the operator, Jose C. Andrade, 30, of 16 Cherry Lane, Scituate. The default warrant was out of Hingham District Court for failure to appear for operating with a suspended license. A family member was called and took custody of Andrade's car and a young child, who was a passenger.

3A &amp; SOHIER ST.

# Serious crash sends man to hospital

A 51-year old Cohasset woman was cited by police Monday (Feb. 22) for failing to yield to oncoming traffic at the intersection of Sohier Street and King Street. Police said they responded to numerous calls reporting a serious crash at the intersection at about 12:30 p.m.

When police arrived they found a 1996 Nissan sedan with heavy front-end damage and a 2015 Jeep SUV also with front-end damage.

The operator of the Nissan was identified as a 65-year-old man from Hingham. He was complaining of chest and back

pain. He was able to tell officers that he was driving north on King Street when the operator of a the Jeep pulled out of Sohier in front of him and they collided. An independent witness that came forward on scene corroborated the Hingham man's account of the crash.

Both vehicles had to be towed and the Hingham man was transported to South Shore Hospital by Cohasset Fire Department ambulance. Lunchtime traffic on 3A was snarled for more than 30 minutes while crews cleared the wrecked vehicles.



Cohasset police and fire at the scene of a serious accident at Sohier Street and King Street (Route 3A) Monday (Feb. 22). COURTESY PHOTO

SAVE THE DATE

# Tree hearing is March 14

A hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 14 in the basement conference room at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., to discuss the removal of one ash tree in town.

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 87, Section 3, the Public Shade Tree Act, notice is hereby given that the town of Cohasset is conducting a public shade tree hearing for the removal of one ash tree located next to the Common Pond on Jason Road in Cohasset.

This tree has reached a state of irreversible decline, which will progress until the tree dies. This tree poses an unreasonable risk of failure and should be removed. It is not necessary to attend the hearing. However, objections must be received in

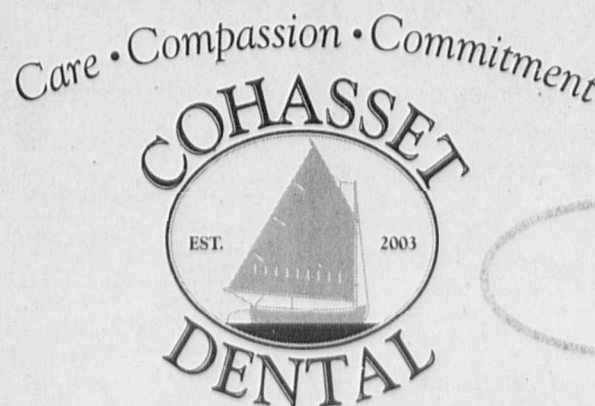
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Yvette Rattenbury at work with pastels during the 'Tuesday Painting' group meeting.

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# Tuesday Painters

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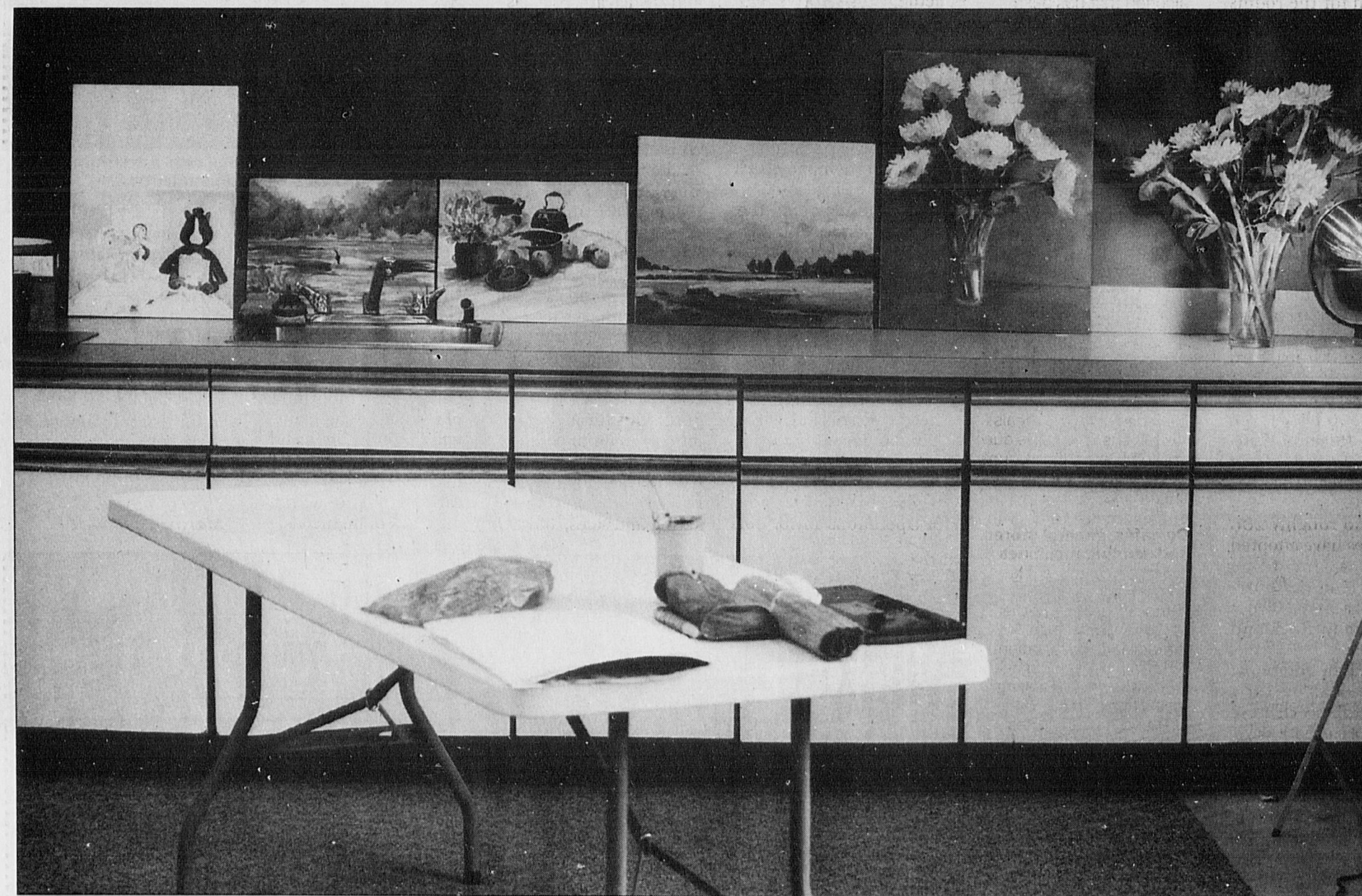
Betty Tufankjian at work with watercolors during the SSAC Tuesday painters group meeting.



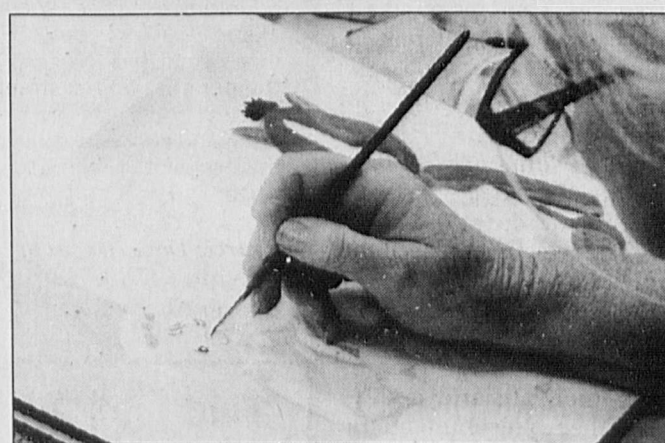
A courtroom artist by trade, Jane Flavell Collins enjoys working with acrylics.



Tina Watson works with acrylics during the 'Tuesday Painters' group meeting.



'Tuesday Painters' group works set out to dry.



Above: Betty Tufankjian works with watercolors.

Right: 'Tuesday Painters' group works set out to dry.

Left: Gallery artist, photographer Ron Wilson (far right) discusses his exhibited work with 'Tuesday Painter' Linda Bornstein.





## POLITICS

# Cohasset is part of Super Tuesday

By Amanda C. Thompson  
athompson@wickedlocal.com

Super Tuesday isn't looking any more super than usual, if you ask Democratic Town Committee Chairman John Chapman.

"I anticipate the typical turnout," said Chapman. "I don't see a greater degree of enthusiasm than usual. It's usually a pretty good turnout." Chapman did not venture a guess at how things would shake out in Cohasset during the March 1st presidential primary elections.

But Jack Creighton, chairman of the Cohasset Republican Town Committee, sees things differently.

"I think there is going to be a big turnout," Creighton said. "There has been robust debate about republican principles — it has been great for America and great for the party."

"Super Tuesday is going to be great in Massachusetts and across the country," he said.

Cohasset has 5,894 registered voters: 1,247 democrats, 1,256 republicans, and 3,363 unenrolled, as well as a handful registered with outlier parties.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Along with Massachusetts, 11 other states and one territory will hold primary elections or caucuses on Super Tuesday: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia (for both parties), Alaska (for republicans only), and American Samoa (for democrats only).

Candidates will be awarded a proportional number of delegates based on the number of votes they receive in each state

or territory. There are 595 republican delegates and 1,004 democratic delegates at stake. To win the nomination, republicans need 1,237 delegates and democrats need 2,383.

The Massachusetts primary is semi-closed. Voters who are registered with either the democratic or republican party may only vote for a candidate in that party. Voters registered as "unenrolled" (not to be confused with Independent, which is a separate party) may choose which ballot they want when they arrive at their polling location. The last day to register for a party was Feb. 10th.

On the ballot, voters will find more than just a selection of presidential candidates. Each party also gets a state committeeman and -woman. For republicans, that will be Janet Fogarty of Scituate

and either Peter Buckley of Cohasset or Matthew LeBretton of Hingham. For democrats, it will be Alice Arena of Weymouth and Christopher Matthew of Hull, both running uncontested.

In addition, voters will be asked to support candidates for the democratic and republican town committees. Since there are fewer candidates than there are positions, the contest for town committee seats can hardly be called a "race."

Super Tuesday comes close on the heels of the Nevada Republican caucuses on Tues., Feb. 8th and the South Carolina Democratic primary on Sat., Feb. 27th.

On the republican side, Donald Trump is sweeping the contest, while things remain neck-and-neck on the democrat side. Your vote does matter, so be sure

## Primary Snapshot

**1** Massachusetts is one of 15 states and territories holding primaries or caucuses on Super Tuesday, meaning Bay State voters will have lots of company across the nation when they cast their ballots.

**2** Massachusetts has open primaries, meaning registered independent, or unenrolled, voters can decide whether to vote in the Republican, Democratic or Green-Rainbow primary. Democrats make up approximately 35 percent of registered voters in Massachusetts, while Republicans account for roughly 11 percent. More than half the state's registered voters are unenrolled.

**3** A random draw was held in December to determine the order candidates would appear on the ballot. For the Republicans, Jim Gilmore will appear first on the ballot, followed by Donald J. Trump, Ted Cruz, George Pataki, Ben Carson, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, Carly Fiorina, Rick Santorum, Chris Christie, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush and John R. Kasich. Bernie Sanders will appear first on the Democratic ballot, followed by Martin O'Malley, Hillary Clinton and Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente.

Several candidates who have already dropped out of the running will still appear on the ballot.

**4** In addition to picking presidential nominees, voters will elect members to the state Republican and Democratic committees. Each party's state committee runs the state convention, elects state party officials and helps set party policies in Massachusetts.

**5** Polling stations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the March 1 primary.

to stop by Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1st to cast your vote.

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## TAXES

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explained at the time, that someone could easily spend \$700 in local taxes for a wedding party weekend in Cohasset.

There is also a Citizens Petition on the May 2 Town Warrant that would earmark monies raised from the meals or room occupancy (rooms) tax, if adopted, for the general stabilization fund, OPEB (retired employees health insurance) trust fund, or road maintenance fund.

During Monday's warrant discussion before the Board of Selectmen, Senior noted "it was worth having the conversation again" about the taxes. He explained the local option for the rooms tax is up to 6 percent (but most towns use 4 percent); so on a \$250 stay, the local tax is \$10. The average room rate for the Cohasset Harbor Inn is \$284 and for the Red Lion Inn, it is \$295.

With a 4 percent rooms tax and 50 percent occupancy rate, estimated annual Cohasset revenue is \$145,124. About 50 percent of Massachusetts communities have adopted the rooms tax including Marshfield, Braintree, Hull, Plymouth, Quincy, Rockland and Weymouth.

For the local option meals tax, on a \$100 check, the local tax is 75 cents. Estimated annual revenue from the meals tax would be close to \$200,000.

Senior said roughly 200 communities have adopted the meals tax including Hingham, Hull Scituate, Norwell, Braintree, Weymouth, Quincy, Rockland and Hanover.

Senior said the additional revenue would allow for a degree of flexibility that the town does not currently have.

"In a budget our size, \$200,000 is nothing to sneeze at. It is real money," he said about the meals tax revenue.

Selectmen Chairman Steve Gaumer noted, however, that this is ultimately a new tax with no proposal to lower other taxes to offset it.

Selectman Diane Kennedy said the additional revenue would give the budget some needed flexibility. "I am happy to stand behind it," she said.

The selectmen placed the articles on the warrant for the meals and rooms taxes. They will have further discussion at an upcoming meeting and decide whether to recommend the new taxes.

## What is a meals tax?

The state legislature approved the local option meals tax in 2009 to provide a measure of relief for towns facing budget shortfalls in part due to local aid cuts. Town Meeting approval is required to pass this tax.

Communities may impose a local sales tax of up to 0.75 percent on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the city or town by a vendor in addition to the current 6.25 percent state sales tax on meals. The funds are distributed on a quarterly basis.

### So what makes a meal?

A meal is considered to be any food and/or beverage (including alcohol) that has been prepared for immediate human consumption and provided by a restaurant or restaurant portion of a store. This includes food and beverages sold on a "take out" or "to go" basis, whether they are packaged or wrapped, and whether they are taken from the restaurant premises. However, there is no meals tax on food that requires additional preparation or cooking to make it edible. If a restaurant offers a patron, upon presentation of a coupon, two meals for the usual price of one, the price of the free meal is excluded from the meals tax because the tax is due only on the actual amount the restaurant charges its customers.

### Do cafés, general stores and vending machines count?

A restaurant is any eating or drinking establishment - whether stationary or mobile, temporary or permanent - that is primarily engaged in the business of selling meals at a cost.

These include: Cafés and cafeterias; Canteen trucks or wagons; Catering businesses; Cocktail lounges or bars; Coffee shops and diners; Dining rooms, including ones in hotels and motels; ice cream or other food product stands; lunch counters; private or social clubs; Salad bars and snack bars, including theater snack bars; street wagons and carts; taverns; and some vending machines or honor snack trays.

Source: Department of Revenue website: <http://www.mass.gov/dor>

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## BOOK

From Page A1

school students and feasibility studies with Babson professors.

Once they demonstrated that the company and the product could be successful, the school furnished a \$1,000 loan. Students launching a business as part of this course are offered up to \$3,000 for start-up costs, with the goal of breaking even by April 1st.

For BizBuddies, breaking even means selling 110 books. Since they'd already sold 90 just in pre-sales by the second half of February, Gilman was confident that the company could not only break even, but actually turn a profit and maybe even sell down their stock of 400 copies.

After April 1st, teams learn how to shut down a business and the company is absorbed by the school. Teams have the option to buy the company back from the college and keep it running once the semester ends. Gilman thinks her team will probably decide to keep BizBuddies going, but they'll have to see how the rest of the sales period goes.

Key team members include: CEO: Elizabeth Reed (Missouri), CFO Gunnar Sveen (Colorado), Vice President of Marketing Lauren Harris (Colorado), Vice President of Operations Taylor Cole

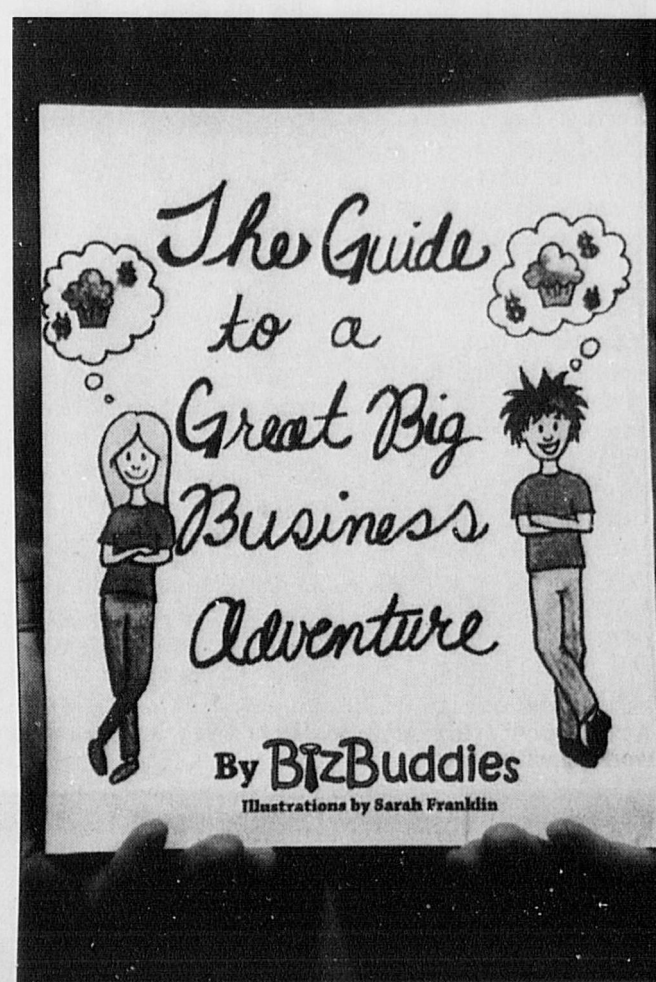
(California), Vice President of Sales Ally Veit (Maryland), Co-Heads of Community Outreach Ashley Tango (Mass.) and Olivia Gilbert (Maine), and Human Resource Adam Ge (Canada).

As marketing and social media manager, Gilman has been reaching out to prospective clients both on- and off-campus. A college campus may not seem like a hot market for a kids' book, but she has been targeting people who may be looking for a gift for a niece or nephew, or alumni who now have children.

Meanwhile, team members are sharing flyers among friends and family, and Gilman has been busily sharing the book on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Instagram. She has also been networking with entrepreneurs across the state to see if they are interested in sharing the book with children in their families or home communities.

The first half of BizBuddies is, according to Gilman, "the fun part" - a narrative about how a young entrepreneur could start a business like a lemonade stand or a bake sale. The images were created by an art student at a nearby college.

The second half is a workbook designed to guide kids through the entrepreneurial process: how to start a business, how to track finances, how to implement marketing and sales, and how



"The Guide to a Great Big Business Adventure," a collaborative work of 20 Babson students. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY CHRIS BERNSTEIN

to create a business that helps their community. They can even design their own business cards.

The team has been reaching out to libraries, communities and parents to set up "entrepreneur parties," where members of the marketing team will share the book and lead children in activities like designing business cards and t-shirts, keeping track of financials,

and weighing the impact their business is likely to have on the surrounding community.

Gilman hopes to have one such party here in Cohasset at the Paul Pratt Library.

The book is available online from BizBuddies-Book.com.

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## AROUND TOWN

## Bye February, hello March!

## Bye, February

Hey there Cohasset... well, once again we are at the end of another month, it does not seem possible! March is a pretty cool month and although I know it can be a tricky one at times, each day it gets a little bit closer to spring. A lot of events will be coming in the schools as we get closer to graduations, activities and fundraisers around town and the openings of sports, etc. Please make sure to get everything sent in to me along with all the birth announcements, birthdays, anniversaries and other special hoorays in your lives! Enjoy the week Cohasset 1-4-3.

## Loyola

Congrats to **Conor Dooley**, a member of the class of 2017 who has been named to the fall 2015 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland. Conor is the son of Lisa & Kevin Dooley and grandson of Roseann Dooley. Awesome job Conor and I am sure we will see more great news in the future!

## St. Lawrence

**Lauren E. Nolan** of Cohasset is participating in an off-campus study abroad program during the Spring 2016 semester through St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. Lauren is participating in St. Lawrence University's Spring off-campus program in Washington D.C. at The Washington Center.

Lauren has also been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence. She is a member



JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in art and art history. She attended Cohasset Jr-Sr High School. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

## Clemson

**Stephanie Frances Brierley** of Cohasset has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the fall 2015 semester. Stephanie is majoring in Biological Sciences. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average. Congratulations!

## Celebrating Ireland

A great event to celebrate the Luck of the Irish, even if you are not! St. Anthony Parish will host its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party on Saturday, March 19. Join them for some Irish food, fun and music featuring "The Silver Spears". Cocktails and appetizers at 6 p.m. Traditional Irish dinner served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30/individual and \$20/senior...and can be purchased online at: [bitly.com/stpatsparty2016](http://bitly.com/stpatsparty2016). Also, tickets can be purchased at the Parish Center and after weekend masses.

## Coming soon

The Sunday Author Talks series at the Paul

Pratt Memorial Library will be hosting author **Christian Appy** on Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. Mr. Appy will give a talk about his book "American Reckoning: The Vietnam War and Our National Identity". A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. For more information call the library at 781-383-1348.

## Polar Plunge

Save the date for the 18th Annual Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Massachusetts on March 5th at Nantasket Beach. Brave Plungers are busy knocking on doors, working to raise \$400,000 for the programs of Special Olympics on the South Shore, and across the state. This year there will be 5 Plunges, but our local one is the largest, usually over 700 charging into the now icy surf!

You can register to participate or donate online at our secure site [www.polarplunge.org](http://www.polarplunge.org); Click on Nantasket; Register/information; Sponsor a participant; type in a name, or mail a check payable to "Special Olympics" or "SOMA" to South Shore Mariners, 36 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025. There is a costume parade at 11:15 a.m. and the Plunge is at Noon. If you have any questions, call **Jeff Nothnagle** 781-383-0895.

*—The news ends here for this week Cohasset. Next week I will be saying hello in our first week of March! Send in your news by Tuesday and it will be in the paper on Friday... EMAIL: [aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com](mailto:aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com)*

## LIFE AT CHS

## 'Grimm' cast and crew are gearing up for festival

The first week back from a vacation is always tough. But the students of CHS are hanging in there as they continue their third term of the 2015-16 school year. There were many new tans and many new frowns on Monday morning as people were forced to return from their holidays in places like Florida and Puerto Rico to chilly Cohasset. Even those of us who stayed in town were very aware that 6:30 a.m. comes more quickly than you'd expect.

Though last week was vacation, the cast and crew of the spring play "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" were working to finish up sets, clean up lines, and tighten transitions from scene to scene. Last Sunday was a "super Sunday" for the cast as they came in for upwards of four hours to make these adjustments to the play they're bringing to Sharon, Massachusetts tomorrow to submit in the Massachusetts Theater Guild Festival for various high schools around the state.

Though they didn't get an opportunity to perform the play for the school, the actors did travel to Hingham High School to perform for their theater group, and in return Hingham performed their own play for Cohasset, a compilation of multiple Edgar Allan Poe poems. If you see any members of the cast or crew of "Grimm," make sure to wish them good luck and cross your fingers the group advances past the preliminary round!

The boys' hockey team has made it to the playoffs, and Cohasset students



BECCA FREDEY

are excited to rally behind them as they battle for the state title. In addition, the boys' and girls' basketball teams both managed to win South Shore League Tobin Division Titles, still advancing further into the playoffs. The boys' had their senior night last Wednesday at home against Falmouth, following their win against Southeastern High on Tuesday. Senior night for the girls' team was Tuesday night at home, and they saw victory against Holbrook High with a final score of 52 points to Holbrook's 21 points. Great job, Skippers!

Senior nights for sports are often emotional events, considering it marks the last few games that a team has together with its seniors. The underclassmen always show fantastic support for their senior teammates and we all cross our fingers for a strong rest of the season.

As February draws to a close, rehearsals for the Mr. Skipper pageant held in March are beginning. This annual pageant exemplifies some of CHS's funniest and most talented male students as they perform different skits, songs, and even model some of their favorite outfits for the audience. This event is one of the favorites of the year, and always has a special place in various Spinnakers and Tessahoc yearbooks. Though not much has been revealed

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about the content of this year's pageant, rest assured, you don't want to miss it.

This year, sophomores, juniors, and seniors of Cohasset High have the opportunity to go on the bi-annual Europe trip headed up by history teacher Jim Willis. This year, the group is traveling to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco during their April vacation. This trip is a great opportunity to experience other countries and be immersed in culture while in high school. Two years ago the program took a trip to Turkey, Greece and Italy for two weeks, with upwards of 40 students participating. This is definitely one of the most memorable aspects of attending Cohasset High, and many students begin their love of traveling and exploring different cultures with this trip.

CHS's buzz of activity is certainly not going to slow as we near the last few months of the school year. Hopefully, we'll be able to make them memorable ones.

*— Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. She's on the crew for the play and is not too pumped to have to get up at 5:45 on a Saturday morning. Hopefully she can sleep on the bus ride to Sharon.*

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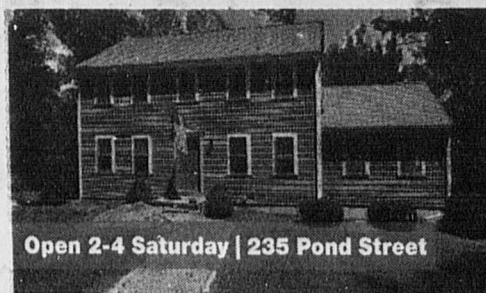
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## GIMME SHELTER

## Young mother ready for spotlight

By Tammy Hatch

Meet Joy, a 1-½ year old black & white female with engaging green eyes and sweet disposition. Joy and her kittens were surrendered on Christmas Eve by owners who called for help stating they were completely overwhelmed and unable to commit to caring for their cat and her new litter of four.

That very evening Joy and her newborns were taken to one of our network of volunteers who provide foster care and by dawn on Christmas Day, Joy and her little ones were settled in and getting the love and attention they so desperately needed and deserved following their ordeal. With all of her kittens adopted to their forever homes, Joy was spayed and is now at the shelter recuperating from her surgery. Joy is very petite and her immune system was understandably compromised as a result of all she's been through. Following surgery the poor little girl developed a minor lip infection. A vitamin supplement was added to her diet and shelter volunteers are working hard to ensure Joy is getting the special care and attention she needs.

The good news is she's on the mend and gaining her strength back with each new day. Joy is a cat who craves attention and she'll jump right up from her bed to say hello when she has a visitor. Her job as a mother done now

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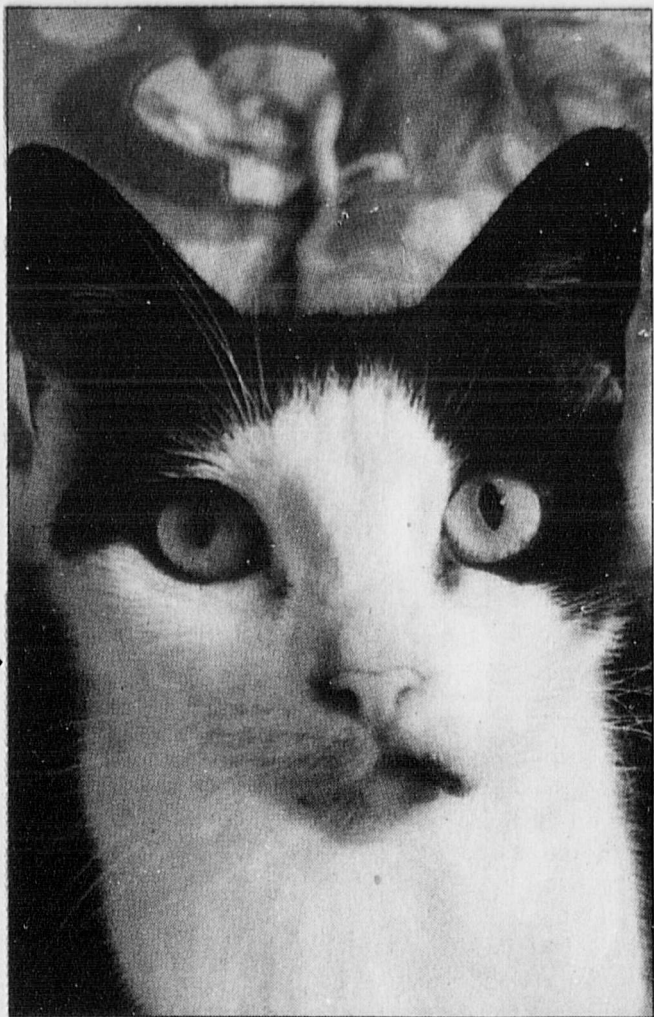
its Joy's turn to receive some love and pampering. Come in and meet Joy and see how easy this special girl will steal your heart!

You can learn more about Joy as well as the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at [www.hsar.org](http://www.hsar.org) or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30-7:30, and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781-534-4902.

## Spay Waggin'

We will be hosting the Animal Rescue League Spay Waggin' on Tuesday March 1st. Spay/Neuter costs \$100 and includes surgery, physical exam, rabies vaccine and flea/ear mite treatment, if necessary. In Massachusetts alone over 100,000 animals are surrendered to shelters or abandoned each year and only 40 percent of them are adopted to a new home. Joy and her kittens are apart of this staggering statistic.

The cumulative offspring of just two fertile cats can produce up to



Joy is a young mother whose kittens have been adopted and who is ready to be the center of someone's heart. COURTESY PHOTO

54 cats in only a year! In a fairly short time, that litter of kittens and its offspring can become hundreds of thousands of cats. Spaying/neutering your cat prevents the birth of unwanted litters. It also improves your cat's health, reduces unruly behavior and saves on veterinary care. If you cannot afford the cost of spay/neuter surgery for your cat, please let us know. Limited assistance is available. Call our shelter manager,

Scott Morrisette and reserve your spot today, 781-925-3121.

A special thank you to HSAR's shelter volunteers and foster families for their commitment, their compassion and the unconditional love they willingly and tirelessly give to our shelter cats and kittens.

—Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

## HAPPENING SUNDAY

## Sue Miller talks about new novel

By Marylou Lawrence  
Special to the Mariner

Changing moral landscapes and denouements that provide no easy solution -- often no solution -- are central to Sue Miller's thoughtful, intelligent fiction. And her latest novel is no exception. She will speak at Sunday Author Talks on Feb. 28, at 4 p.m., at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library about her 2014 novel, "The Arsonist."

"The Arsonist" is a classic Miller oeuvre -- a tapestry of threads both tough and frayed that illuminates the conflicts of a rapidly changing contemporary society and the ways in which individuals struggle to find their place in new moral territories.

Her protagonist, Frankie, exhausted and broken-hearted, has just returned from 15 years of relief work in Africa. Caught in the midst of her life journey without direction, without a sense of self or place, she has returned to her parents' home in a small New England idyll for reflection and renewal.

But Frankie discovers the comforts of youth no longer define home for her; her global culture bumps up against that of her parents. One of the many questions Miller asks is what does home mean? If it's no longer a place, what is it? Frankie's journey attempts to make sense of the unsettling raw truths she now sees in both herself and her family -- her mother's loveless marriage, her father's quiet despair, her own fear of commitment and hunger for self-realization.

The novel takes its title

**The novel takes its title from a series of fires set randomly to the gracious old summer houses that have been bought up by tony professionals for their summer recreation.**

from a series of fires set randomly to the gracious old summer houses that have been bought up by tony professionals for their summer recreation. The arsons serve as both a means to pull together different classes of people in town and as a metaphor for loss and mutability, the central motif of the novel.

Miller's first novel, "The Good Mother," published in 1986, met with critical acclaim throughout the world. Since then she has written nine other best-selling novels, all of which have made major contributions to the literary genre of American domestic fiction.

A wine and cheese reception will follow Miller's talk and "The Arsonist" will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is free. Seating is first-come, first-seated.

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# OPINION

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## OUR VIEW

# Super Tuesday is just the start

On Tuesday, Cohasset voters will be able to weigh in on their favorite candidate to win the nomination in their respective parties to run for President of the United States.

While primaries, historically, do not always draw a high turnout – with all the media-buzz around the candidates this year – we think people are going to be quite literally “lining up to vote.”

Here is a short tutorial on the big day (from The Times-Picayune):

### ■ When is Super Tuesday?

March 1, 2016. Twelve states and one territory will caucus or cast primary votes. More delegates will be up for grabs at one time than any other point in the election cycle.

### ■ How many delegates are at stake?

For Republicans, 595 delegates are at stake. For Democrats, there are 1,004. GOP candidates need 1,237 delegates to win the nomination. Democrats need 2,383.

### ■ What are the Super Tuesday states?

Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia will hold primaries for both major parties. Alaska will hold its Republican caucus while American Samoa will caucus for Democrats. Colorado will hold a caucus for both parties.

Tuesday also kicks off a very busy election year here in Cohasset, including a special state senate primary and special election for State Senator to represent the eight-town Plymouth-Norfolk District. Long-time senator

Bob Hedlund resigned his seat; Hedlund is now mayor of Weymouth.

We hope that first-time voters and seasoned voters will keep the following dates handy and participate throughout 2016.

■ Tuesday, March 1, presidential primary

■ Tuesday, April 12, special state primary (state senator)

■ Monday, May 2, Cohasset Town Meeting

■ Tuesday, May 10, state election (state senator)

■ Saturday, May 14, Cohasset Town Election

■ Thursday, Sept. 8, state primary

■ Tuesday, Nov. 8, state election (presidential)

### Fourth helping of meals tax

It is very likely that the May 2 Cohasset Town Meeting will be asked to vote on whether Cohasset should adopt the meals tax and the rooms tax that would add revenue.

On three prior occasions Town Meeting voters have had no appetite for the local option taxes despite the fact that numerous communities have the taxes and are getting that revenue stream.

A citizens petition would have the taxes, if adopted, earmarked to certain accounts (see story on page A1). If the taxes do pass muster this time, earmarking the funds is a good idea. That way the revenue won't get “lost” in the town's general fund and taxpayers will have clarity on how the money will be used.

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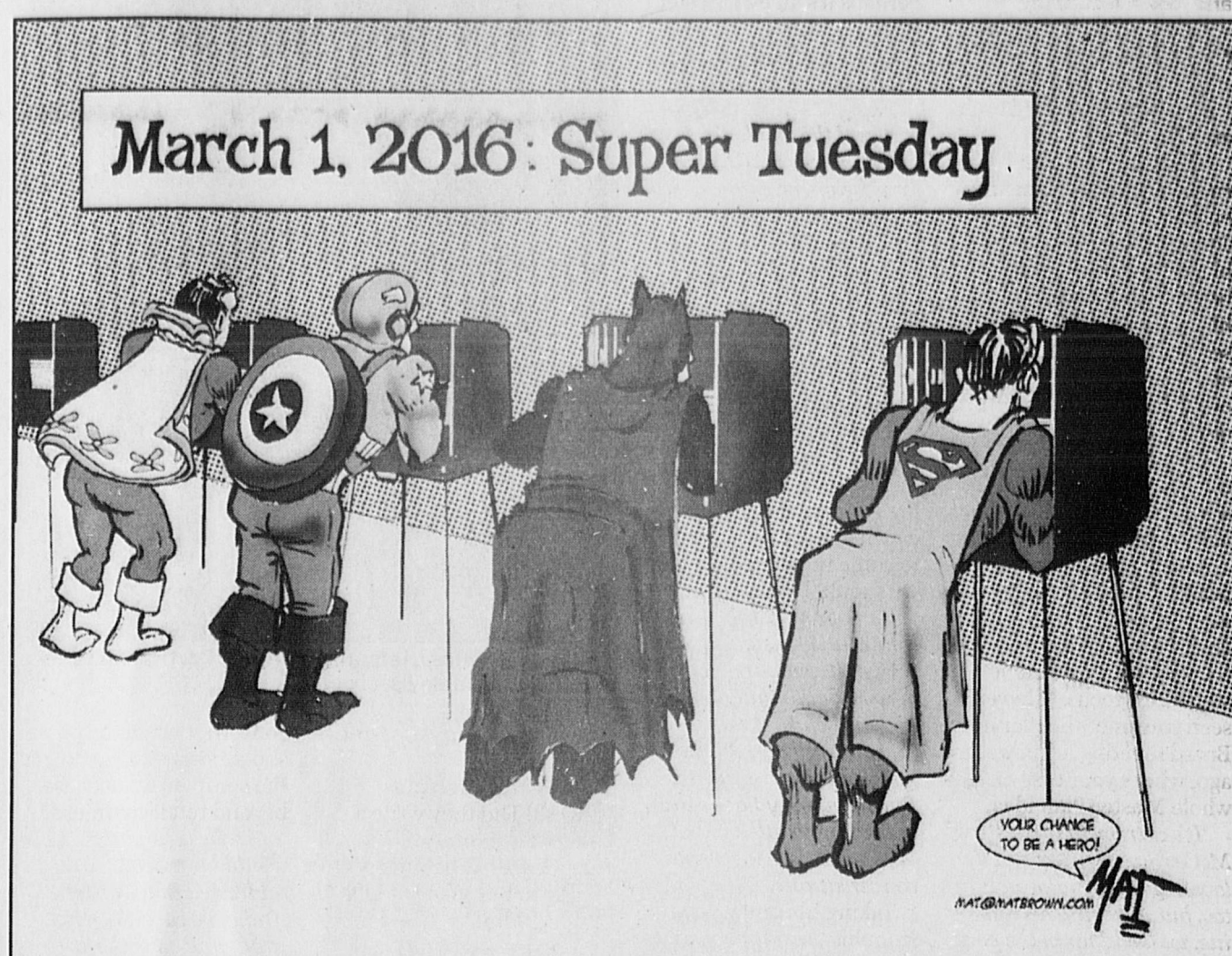
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## COMMENTARY

# Learning to live within our means

By Steve Gaumer

Over the past 24 years, I've enjoyed living in Cohasset, raising and schooling my children here. For the past 15 years, I've worked within town government as a committee member and now a selectman. During these 15 years, I have remained dedicated to assisting the town of Cohasset manage its needs, within its means.

I read with some interest a letter in the (Feb. 12) Cohasset Mariner advocating for a tax levy override. The writer proposed the idea that:

"1) Up until about 10 years ago, Cohasset voters routinely passed budgetary overrides every three years (separate and apart from the debt exclusion overrides we passed for the new schools, the central town sewer, and a few other minor things) because it generally was acknowledged that our town faces a structural annual deficit."

The facts are a bit different: From the period 2000 to 2016, Cohasset was asked to pass seven

overrides. Three succeeded. Successful overrides were in 2001 (\$300,000), 2003 (\$350,000), and 2004 (\$400,000) for a total of \$1.050 million. Failures came in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006.

The writer continues: "However, 10 years ago the anti-tax, anti-school crowd finally mustered enough support to defeat a budgetary override. Cuts were made in the School Department (eliminating programs such as Middle School athletics) and in other departments. We have not passed a budgetary override since."

Again, facts give a more complete view. In 2006, the Town was asked to vote for one of two operating budget override options to fund the school district. The two offered choices:

Override the budget by \$1.495 million; Override the budget by \$725,000, plus program cuts;

Both override proposals were soundly defeated.

As noted above, this was the second year in a row in which operating overrides were proposed and defeated, and it inspired a

number of town government initiatives to begin conducting the town's finances more effectively, including the establishment of a long-range planning function. The town had recognized that we did not face a regular, structural deficit, unless that was a deficit of fiscal discipline.

The writer's next point addresses bond ratings:

"2) A quick comment about the town's financial situation vis-a-vis our bond rating (which was obliquely referred-to in the article): By no means am I an expert in this area, but a municipality's bond rating goes down when it takes on a debt burden that is large relative to its revenue and total valuation (among other things). A Prop. 2-½ override does not increase our debt, but rather increases our revenue -- and that is something that Wall Street actually likes."

The reader should recall that attaining a AAA bond rating is an aspirational goal, affirmed by Town Meeting and central to the fiscal discipline adopted after the Town's near insolvency in 2011.

Attaining a high (and rare) rating requires the ability to demonstrate mastery over planning, revenue projection and diversification, cost management, debt service coverage and liability projection.

A ratings agency (in our case, Standard and Poor's) is most interested in how we will support our existing and anticipated debt load. So yes, revenues matter.

As important to a rating agency however is the source of revenues. In Cohasset's case, 93 percent of our revenues are drawn from a residential tax base, and our ability to expand is limited. For example, of our 10 square miles of land, more than 25 percent is non-buildable (conservation, wetlands, etc.). Further, there is little capability to establish meaningful commercial diversification. Simply put, a non-diversified tax base is more of a risk than a benefit, because taxation is borne by substantially one entity: residential property tax payers.

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## COMMENTARY

# Everything should be on the table

By Nathan Redmann

Though I have lived on the South Shore for almost 6 years, I am a relative newcomer to Cohasset. With a school-aged child, I have followed closely the recent issues surrounding classroom sizes, teacher contracts and school funding.

I've appreciated recent commentary in the Mariner by Mr. Quigley (Feb. 12th "Time has come for Cohasset override") providing historical context to this discussion and the response by Mr. Gaumer ("Town learning to live within its means" first published online at wickedlocalcohasset on Feb. 19 and printed above) providing insight into the perspective on these issues from our current Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Considering these statements, it seems timely to provide additional perspective and some clarity to the discussion.

First, let's be realistic about the characterization of a town with a median annual income of more

than \$100,000. By most standards, this falls within the definition of a "wealthy town." I think we can agree that there is variation in terms of annual income in our community, but we should be more careful in our characterization of wealth or the lack thereof.

If we are to have an informed discussion about the serious budget issues facing our town, we need to ensure that we are presenting the data accurately. Simple math dictates that if the median household income of Cohasset is \$117,000, then by definition 50 percent of the households make more than \$117,000 while 50 percent make less.

This is a far cry from Mr. Gaumer's assertion that 67 percent of households make less than \$100,000 annually. Actual analysis of the data sources Mr. Gaumer cites from the U.S. Census and the American Community Survey shows that 56 percent of households in Cohasset made more than \$100,000 annually in 2014 (the latest data available).

Furthermore, if we limit the analysis to Family Households, two-parent or single-parent households with children under 18 living in the home, the likely cohort that Mr. Gaumer identifies as not "leaving" much room to build some wealth after paying for "the mortgage, property tax, insurance, groceries, pays the cable bill, makes a car payment, attempts to save some money for retirement and college funding," the data show much different results.

In 2014, Family households had a median income of \$146,000, where 72 percent of those households made more than \$100,000 annually. It is unclear whether Mr. Gaumer made a simple mistake with the data or if he was deliberately attempting to manipulate it to make his point that Cohasset isn't a "wealthy town". I sincerely hope it was the former.

From the data on income and property taxes, it is clear that Cohasset already "live(s) within its means." In fact, with an

annual household median income that is firmly in the top 10 percent of the state and a property tax rate that lies in the bottom 25 percent of the state, I would argue that we currently live well within, and perhaps below, our means as there is a definite disconnect between the means of our town and the burden placed on its residents by the property tax.

My wife and I moved our family to Cohasset because of the reputation of the public schools. While other factors have contributed to our love of this town, concerns about the capacity of the public schools to keep pace and adapt to the growing demands of a 21st century education, has led us to question that decision.

Nobody wants additional taxes, but decisions aren't made in a vacuum and past budget override failures have current and cumulative consequences. The continual underfunding of the schools, our most vital town

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## VIEW FROM THE POLITICAL PERCH

# Columnists brewing over the Master Plan

By John McSheffrey  
and Kevin McCarthy

The following is a conversation between The Perch and The Porch:

The bitter cold wind ripped through the nearly empty transfer station as John McSheffrey heaved blue bags into the bin below. Shutting the back of his van, John looked up to see Kevin McCarthy, man about town and the writer of the Political Perch getting out his car.

"Hey Porch, is it cold enough for you?" Kevin shouted while grabbing the blue bags out of his car.

A strong gust of wind pelted the two with sand as John replied with a few creative expletives about the weather but then he shifted his focus. "I haven't seen you since the Planning Board meeting a few weeks ago, what's your take on this whole Master Plan idea?"

"It's extremely interesting," McCarthy responded. "I'd love to get your take on it too, but if we stay here talking, we'll end up in the police log under the headline 'two men not smart enough to stop talking, found frozen to death at the Cohasset dump.' Tell you what, I'll buy you a beer and a sandwich at Mr. Dooley's if you have time to chat."

(11.5 minutes later)  
Sitting at a back table, the two ordered a couple of sandwiches and pints of IPA. "It's never too cold for an IPA" John exclaimed. "Okay Porch, it appears from various Facebook posts that you have been eating your way through the community so you must have your finger on the pulse; let me ask you as one who sees Cohasset only from my front porch, what do you know about this Master Plan?"

Well it's basically a community's road map for the future. It starts with the community coming together and envisioning what kind of town we want to be over the next 10-15 years. We would then set out goals in such areas as business and commercial development, recreational and open space, protecting our environment all taking into consideration such things our history and demographic trends.

Putting his pinky up to his face and speaking in a strange accent, John replied, "Okay, first things first, I feel a dastardly need to mimic 'Dr. Evil' every time I hear someone say 'Master Plan'? If you don't pay me one million dollars, I will unleash the Master Plan. Where's my hairless cat? Do you think perhaps the Planning Board

is working for Dr. Evil? Perhaps it's an evil Master Plan."

Kevin laughed tensely, "Not that quite dramatic. Actually it's quite benevolent and the whole process can be a very useful tool for developers, community boards and committees, residents and even prospective residents as they all make important decisions about Cohasset."

Alright, I will have to trust you that the town isn't teaming up with Dr. Evil, but who actually writes this Master Plan - I hope we are not going to pay for some big government agency or expensive consulting firm to come in and tell us where we should be heading.

No not at all, this is about community visioning and active citizen participation is essential to the content of the final plan. It's our plan and its content will be what we choose for our future. But John, may I ask - are you going to talk in that Dr. Evil accent the whole conversation?

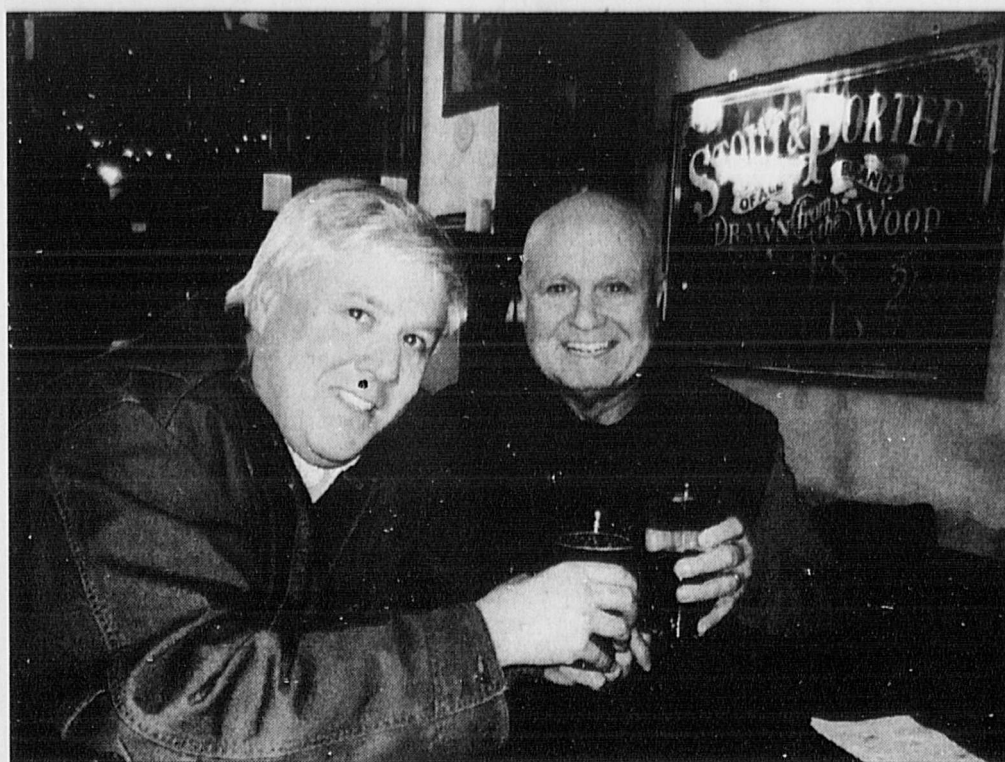
Taking his pinky down from his face, John said, "Ah no. Okay I think I get the concept. So tell me why should the citizens of Cohasset care about this?" We should care about a Master Plan because it will be a road map for our future. Without a planned future the character and nature of our community are left to current and passing whims and chance development. Haphazard development is not attractive or in end even sustainable.

"You realize that in fifteen years, there's a good chance that people won't even know what a road map is?" John replied as the waitress brought over the sandwiches. "I was at the same planning board meeting that you were at --- heck, I've been at a bunch of meetings over the past few weeks that you were at; do you go all the meetings in the town?"

No I don't go to all the meetings in town but I do go to more meetings than I go to restaurants, bars and coffee shops - just for the record.

So noted. Going back to the Planning Board meeting, there were a ton of things that were briefly touched on; one was the fact that this process was done ten years ago --- do you know what happened and why are we looking at the same thing today?

Actually the last Master Plan was created in 2004 and resulted in a non-binding 208 page report which you can find on the Town website under the "Forms" tab. Very interesting reading actually - especially the first section on Cohasset's vision for the future. Lots a



John McSheffrey, left, and Kevin McCarthy, share their thoughts about the Master Plan at Mr. Dooley's. COURTESY PHOTO

detailed colored maps and designs too.

Two-Hundred plus pages?! Did they write a plan or a volume of War and Peace? What issues are going to be looked at in a Master Plan?

There would be a treasure trove of interesting and useful sections in a Master Plan. It would cover such items as: A Cohasset Vision Statement, a review of our assets and liabilities, land use, natural resources, cultural goals and resources, housing and residential development, economic development, community facilities and public services, transportation and mobility about town and a lot of data and information collected and used in the process. All this and probably more - we can decide as a community on the scope and content of our Master Plan.

While signaling to the waitress for two more IPAs, John responded "Wow that's pretty comprehensive is there flexibility with this? Is this binding?"

It's definitely not binding - again it's a road map to guide decision makers and citizens but it's not voted on at Town Meeting and thus does not become a binding document. However, it's not uncommon for ideas or a consensus to develop around some issues which actually do become implemented. Sort of like the space program which has provided many spin-offs which have been developed commercially or militarily.

Okay, as a citizen of this cozy little hamlet-by-the-sea, there are a few issues that I would like to see addressed. Some such as the expansion of protected lands can be implemented with little cost, but other steps will indeed cost money. The lack of a commercial tax base is a

concern; part of the plan should be a strategy to grow the commercial tax base beyond retail commerce.

Yes these important issues would be analyzed and addressed in a Master Plan. And done so with citizen input and consideration of the character and history of Cohasset. Diversifying and increasing our tax base is a major issue for Cohasset.

People really need to have their voice heard to make this effective. A few other issues I have been thinking about are; the immediate need to connect the town to Avalon and the commuter rail via sidewalks, an analysis of the schools' infrastructure, a sustainable plan for the village and of course a Halloween tax credit. Let's talk about the village for a minute, I would bet people have some really good ideas on how to strengthen, grow and expand the importance of the village and the harbor."

Yes, I too think about how we can make our harbor a stronger component of the town. Actually at the Planning Board meeting someone brought up the fact that Cohasset is made up of number of small villages: the downtown, the Beechwood shopping area and the Avalon shopping area. And speaking of Avalon - of course we definitely want to consider looking at affordable housing in a Master Plan.

Excellent point, there may be serious ramifications if the level of affordable housing slips. Cohasset also should look at ways to expand diversity beyond just blondes and brunettes if it's going to stay in step with the state and society as a whole. Another issue is preparing for emergency events. Storms are getting stronger and that's going to impact the flood plains and the town needs

a new emergency response station. I worry about the power grid too."

I've heard a lot great ideas about embracing new technologies involving things like "smart" building construction, public Wi-Fi, energy cost savings and reduction measures. As well as protection of our power sources, bio-mass and the development of central data bases and the use of a Cohasset micro-grid to tie in the schools, police, fire, town hall and the DPW for ongoing safe and reliable communications. Really cool 21st Century stuff?

That seems a bit over my head, but very cool. I'm a little more basic, I want a rule in the Master Plan that limits the number of pizza restaurants in Cohasset - at least in proportion to other types of cuisine. What's wrong with a burger joint, a Thai or an Indian restaurant? And while I am at it, more attention needs to be given to decorating the big tree on the Commons at Christmas time. Seriously, did you see that tree --- if the Commons is going to be a center piece of our future, a brilliantly lit tree is a must.

I know you're joking a bit, but I agree. Cohasset's past has to be the future as well. Maintaining the unique structure, lay out and beauty of our historic town Commons and the area around it as well as the generally historic nature of our nearly 400 year old community are tremendous assets and should be considered as we move toward the future.

Hey Porch, have you noticed that your comments are italicized and mine aren't?

What?

Um, never mind.

Anyway, if done properly, the Master Plan can be this generation's gift to future generations which is why I think the students should

have their voice heard on this. The students of Cohasset certainly understand new technologies and they have some great ideas we need to consider and incorporate. This could really be a great way for everyone to get involved? What's the next big step?

Glad you asked that John because there is a next big step.

On Saturday March 5th at Willcutt Commons on 91 Sohler Street the Planning Board is hosting a community-wide visioning session designed to get ideas and input from the community on such things as our long vision, goals and priorities. It's going to be like an open house where you can come and go during the day - stopping by various special topic stations, have your say and give your input. This is an important meeting where we will gather ideas and raise issues which will be addressed in the Master Plan.

This open house model is not like a Town Meeting where we're all sitting watching a few folks procedurally go back and forth. This is something people can come to during the course of the day - wander around, give their two cents and be involved in a somewhat casual but wicked important way.

"I've heard there will be balloons, snacks and maybe even face painting at the March 5th event", and then putting his pinky back up to his lip and slipping back into the Dr. Evil voice John continued, "And perhaps there will even be IPAs, evil IPAs."

This is a kid and family friendly event so yes there will be snacks and a kid's table with various activities - one of which I hope is face painting - for the children and who knows maybe some adults too but I'm pretty sure there won't be any IPAs, evil or otherwise.

Okay then, if people take a half hour on Saturday March 5th to drop by Willcutt Commons and share a few thoughts, this could be the kick off to a wonderful and important town project. We just need to get the word out somehow.

I think we just did.

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—John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jmcsc@aol.com

## DON'T MISS THIS

## TickSmart program for residents

By Susan Sarni  
Director of Public Health

Cohasset Health Department invites all residents to a TickSmart program at Norwell High School at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 29th. The program will teach the public about how to prevent tick-borne diseases. Thomas Mather, director of URI's Center for Vector-Borne Disease and the TickEncounter Resource Center will present information about ticks and how to prevent getting bitten.

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria that is spread to humans through the bite of a tiny, infected tick. Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tickborne disease in the United States and can cause joint, heart or central nervous system problems if not recognized early.

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The Center of Disease Control and Prevention suggests to prevent Lyme disease you should wear repellent containing DEET, check for ticks daily, shower soon after being outdoors, and call your doctor if you get a fever or rash.

Please stop by the Cohasset Health Department to pick up your free tick identification card located at 41 Highland Ave. We look forward to seeing you Monday, Feb. 29th at 7 p.m. at Norwell High School.

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## PANTRY CORNER

## How about donating a gift card?

Welcome to another edition of the Pantry Corner. The unprecedented warm weather has been a big help to the pantry. The winter tends to be a time of great need for us, but the great weather has allowed many in the community to make donations.

**■ Items that we need:**  
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soups & chowders, Tuna, spaghetti sauce, corned beef hash, beef stew, canned fruit, juice, cereal, and gift cards to local grocery stores. The Food Pantry is open for donations every Tuesday morning between 8 and 8:30. If this does not fit into your schedule there is a donation box at St. Anthony's Parish Center in the foyer, and one at Stop n' Shop. Please be sure not to put any perishables in the donation boxes.

We are also happy to arrange a meeting time with anyone who contacts

**The winter tends to be a time of great need for us, but the great weather has allowed many in the community to make donations.**

us at the food pantry. Did you know: There are roughly 15,083 food pantries in America as of 2015 (according to dosomething.org).

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others"  
Rosa Parks

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# LeBretton running for Republican State Committee



Matt LeBretton, right, with his wife Michelle, and Gov. Charlie Baker. COURTESY PHOTO

**M**att LeBretton announced that Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karen Polito have endorsed his candidacy for Republican State Committee for the Plymouth & Norfolk District. A long-term Republican activist, fundraiser and staffer, LeBretton is a Hingham resident, where he and his wife Michelle are raising three children who attend the public school system.

The election for Republican State Committee is held during the Mass. Republican Presidential Primary on March 1.

"As a father and businessman in the Plymouth & Norfolk District and Republican activist, I am excited to announce my candidacy for this important position in the Massachusetts Republican Party," said Matt LeBretton. "I am a strong believer that our Grand Old Party works best

with the strong support of our grassroots and I look forward to working with my fellow activists to grow our party in the coming years by building a regional recruitment strategy and training candidates in the successful campaign strategies of our governor, Charlie Baker."

LeBretton, who is currently working as Vice President of Public Affairs for Massachusetts-based sneaker and athletic company New Balance, has spent his career supporting Republican candidates and causes. Most recently, LeBretton served on Governor-Elect Charlie Baker's transition team in 2015 and as Co-Chair of Charlie Baker's Finance Committee during his gubernatorial campaign in 2014, a role that he maintains today.

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## GAUMER

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As a third point, the writer offers this:

"3) Selectman Steve Gaumer was quoted as saying that he does not believe that Cohasset is a 'wealthy town.' Really? Steve, what planet are you living on? I should point out that I've known Steve for a long time. I coached one of his daughters in Youth Soccer and I believe that the town has been extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated and as competent as he has been for more than a decade, both as a selectman and prior to that as a member of the Capital Budget Committee. I respect his public service immensely and have voted for him in the town elections -- so I do not mean to be insulting or negative."

Originally, I had made my comments based upon my personal exposure to Cohasset and a broad cross-section of its residents. Over nearly a quarter century, this town has shown sides of itself which are not readily obvious to the casual observer. Here are some facts about Cohasset available through governmental sources including the US Census, American Community Survey and the Department of Labor.

Cohasset's median household (HH) income is \$117,000. Yet just 33 percent of HHs earn more than \$100,000 annually. In other words, 33 percent of HHs earn well above \$100,000, and 67 percent earn less than \$100,000.

Quick math: \$100,000 of gross income will equate to about \$82,000 in after-tax income. From that amount, one meets the mortgage, property tax, insurance,

groceries, pays the cable bill, makes a car payment, attempts to save some money for retirement and college funding... which does not leave much room to build some wealth.

Also, cost of living in Cohasset is substantially above that of MA and surrounding communities. Median housing cost (\$770,000) is 650 percent of median earnings, for example.

Wealth is an abundance of assets in excess of need. So, without doubt, there is wealth to be found in Cohasset. However, with two-thirds of the town's HHs earning less than \$100,000 per year and where the Cost of Living index is 130 percent of the national average, it cannot be argued convincingly that the wealth is a broadly or equally shared condition in Cohasset.

As well, the Town of Cohasset (as a governmental entity) does not have an abundance of assets in excess of need. We have only recently begun making regular contributions to our reserve funds, and average less than 2 percent of our operating budgets for contributions. How successful would you be in saving for retirement if you only saved 2 percent of your income?

In the past decade, Cohasset has made tremendous strides in addressing many of its long tenured fiscal shortcomings, thanks to many elected and appointed officials who had the courage to identify the issues, and work diligently to address them. Simply put, we have learned to live within our means, and the town is better for it.

— Steve Gaumer is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectman.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Help shape the future of Cohasset

Do you live in Cohasset? Are you interested in helping to shape a vision for your community?

Join the Town of Cohasset and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on Saturday, March 5, for a day of learning, visioning, and planning to help shape Cohasset's Master

## Planning Process.

The first event is an educational bus tour about Cohasset. It will depart from Willcutt Commons, 21 Sohler St., on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. The bus has limited seating capacity and will leave promptly at 10 o'clock.

The bus tour will be followed by an Open

House Forum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. also at Willcutt Commons. Attendees are welcome at the Forum even if they are not able to take the bus tour.

The meeting will give the public the opportunity to learn about challenges facing Cohasset, to learn about the planning process, and to

shape topics and goals for the Master Planning Process. Light refreshments will be served, and all ages are welcome.

For more information about the Cohasset Master Plan process, or for accommodations, please contact Steve Winter of MAPC at: [swinter@mapc.org](mailto:swinter@mapc.org) or 617.933.0753.

## DON'T MISS THIS

## Register for Cohasset Sailing Club

This year we are inaugurating a new registration procedure. The sole in-person registration will take place at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday, March 13th from 10 a.m. to 12

p.m. This is a departure from past years when registrations took place in March at the Cohasset Rec Fair and in early May at the clubhouse.

The club hopes that concentrating this process over one late

winter weekend will be easier and more efficient for everyone. Please make every effort to register in mid-March, but the club will accept mail-in registrations sent to its post office box and received by

Monday, May 9.

Detailed information about programs and registration forms can be found at: [www.cohassetsailingclub.org](http://www.cohassetsailingclub.org).

Bringing completed forms to the mid-March registration will greatly expedite the process.

## REDMANN

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resource, is a disservice to our students and every resident who lives here. A strong educational system benefits everyone: academic excellence for our children and strong property values for us all, including those without young children (many of whom had children benefit greatly when Cohasset was widely regarded as one of the top school systems in the state).

It is time for an open and honest conversation as a community about the goals of the town and how best to balance both long-term and present day investments. Everything should be on the table, including an override, as we move forward. The continued prosperity of Cohasset depends on it.

Income data sourced from Census.gov here <http://1.usa.gov/1QYdmEe>.

— Nathan Redmann lives at 40 Forest Ave.



## Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the 2015 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 157 state representatives from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$239,732. Combined with the \$63,590 that the state's 38 senators collected as reported in a recent Beacon Hill Roll Call, the grand total for both branches is \$303,322.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diem say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to the Statehouse and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's gas tax that the Legislature approved in July 2013.

The 2015 statistics indicate that nearly one-half (78) of the state's 157 representatives have received reimbursements ranging from \$18 to \$8,730, while a little more than one-half (79) have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The representative who received the most per diem money in 2015 is William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox) who received \$8,730.

The other nine representatives who received the most are Reps. Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown), \$7,622; Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), \$7,200; Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), \$6,996; Timothy Madden (D-Nantucket), \$6,800; Robert Koczera (D-New Bedford), \$6,795; Paul Mark (D-Perru), \$6,300; John Seibak (D-South Hadley), \$5,700; Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), \$5,478; and Anthony Puppola (D-Springfield), \$5,400.

## LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PER DIEMS FOR 2015

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2015. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Representatives who

have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply that these representatives didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Rep. Bruce Ayers	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Garrett Bradley	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Thomas Calter	\$1,508	(58 days)
Rep. James Cantwell	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Mark Cusack	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Josh Cutler	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. David DeCoste	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	\$2,964	(114 days)
Rep. Geoff Diehl	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Michelle DuBois	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. William Galvin	\$2,628	(146 days)
Rep. Susan Gifford	\$3,204	(89 days)
Rep. Generic	\$4,140	(115 days)
Rep. Randy Hunt	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Louis Kafka	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Ronald Mariano	\$1,590	(159 days)
Rep. Christopher Markey	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Matthew Muratore	\$3,132	(87 days)
Rep. James Murphy	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. William Straus	\$0	(0 days)
Rep. Walter Timilty	\$0	(0 days)

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT - Several new laws approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in November have now taken effect. Most laws become effective 90 days after the bill is signed by the governor. Here are some of the new laws:

SPINAL CORD INJURY (S 2109) - Makes several changes in the operation of the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund that provides medical cure research services for individuals with spinal cord injuries. The fund formerly was funded by a \$50 surcharge assessed against any person who seeks reinstatement of his or her driver's license. The bill would raise the surcharge to \$100 for a second reinstatement and \$150 for a third.

The measure requires that all revenue from the surcharge go to the fund. Under prior law, the state's General Fund received some of the revenue. It also renames the fund the Thomas P. Kennedy Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, honoring the late state senator, who was a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair following an accident in 1971. He passed away in June at the age of 63.

FLAG HOLDERS (H 3173) - Makes it a crime to destroy, mutilate or deface an American flag, veteran's commemorative flag holder or a commemorative flag holder representing service in both the police and fire department. Offenders would be sentenced to up to five years in prison. Prior law applied only to tombs, monuments, gravestones, trees, shrubs and plants.

FREE ACCESS TO STATE PARKS FOR VETERANS (H 3243) - Provides Purple Heart recipients free access to state parks, state forest recre-

ation areas and state reservations. Prior law provided free access only for disabled veterans and handicapped persons.

SELLING VETS' GRAVE MARKERS (H 1306) - Imposes up to a \$5,000 fine for a first offense of selling or attempting to sell a stolen veteran's grave marker. A second and subsequent offenses would trigger up to a five-year prison sentence. Some of these markers are made of bronze and are a target of scrap metal thieves who steal and sell them.

STOLEN VALOR (H 1641) - Makes it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran. Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or a \$1,000 fine.

POLICE SHOOTINGS (H 3480) - A bill pending before the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security would create a seven-member Independent Police Conduct Review Board to investigate and reach a verdict in all fatal and non-fatal shootings and any other allegations of misconduct by police and other law enforcement officers. The board would decide whether the officer involved in the shooting engaged in misconduct or acted inappropriately. Any officer found guilty would be fired and banned from working in law enforcement in the Bay State for ten years and be forced to give up his firearm for ten years. An officer convicted of misconduct in a non-shooting incident would be disciplined with penalties ranging from a public reprimand to loss of his or her job.

The board would consist of the presidents of four organizations or their designees including the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Officers, the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the NAACP of Massachusetts and the Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts Education Fund. The governor would appoint a retired judge; the attorney general would appoint a person with experience prosecuting criminal cases; and the general and the chief counsel of the group that provides free legal advice to indigents would appoint a person who has experience representing defendants in criminal cases.

USE OF UNDUE FORCE (H 3479) - Another proposal pending before the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security would create a 13-member special commission to investigate methods to prevent the use of undue force by police officers. The commission would be charged with analyzing methods and practices that would reduce the likelihood of undue force by police officers. The commission would then make recommendations for changes that should be made to existing law.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of February 15-19, the House met for a total of 12 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 minutes.



## TOWN ELECTION

# Astino to seek third term on school board

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Nomination papers for elected town positions are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Since they became available on Feb. 8th, eight candidates have pulled papers, the latest being Jeanne Astino, who intends to run for a third term on the School Committee.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Astino, who is currently chairwoman of the board and helped negotiate the new teacher contracts this year. With that achievement behind her, Astino still feels there is more she can do as a member of the committee.

Astino serves as the school committee liaison to the Alternative Energy Committee and is eager to continue that partnership, especially now that two students from the high school have been selected to serve an advisory role to that board.

She's also determined to tackle the tough issue of finances, which was a primary source of delay in the recent bout of contract negotiations. Even with the contract settled, it's not entirely clear how the schools and town will be able to honor it.

Astino is up to the challenge. "We're dealing with shrinking resources," she said. "We have to plan smarter for the future."

The School Committee will have two three-year seats available as Astino's and Secretary Mary McGoldrick's terms expire. There will also be a one-year, unexpired term to fill out. This seat was vacated in July by former Chairman Paul Ognibene and is currently filled by member Barbara Stefan.

Last week, Susan Sardina pulled nomination papers

## ELECTED OFFICES

Nomination papers for the annual town election to be held May 14 are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 41 Highland Ave.

The last day to obtain nomination papers will be March 24. Last day to submit nomination papers to the town clerk for certification is March 28. In order to hold an elected office, a nominee must be a registered voter of the town. Note that nominees are not running for office until papers are taken out and the board of registrars certifies signatures.

The following positions are available:

- Selectmen for three years (2);
- School committee for three years (2);
- School committee for one year to fill an unexpired term (1);
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library for three years (3);
- Assessor for three years (1);
- Board of Health for three years (1);
- Cohasset Housing Authority for five years (1);
- Planning Board for five years (1);
- Planning Board associate member for three years (1);
- Recreation Commission for five years (1);
- Sewer Commission for three years (1);
- Water Commission for three years (1).

for reelection to the Housing Authority, a board she has served on since 2006. Terms on the Housing Authority last for five years.

After receiving an outpouring of support for her elderly parents, Sardina first joined the Housing Authority as a way to pay it forward. She found the role so fulfilling that she stuck around for two terms and change (she was first appointed to fill a seat that had been vacated mid-term).

"I enjoy being in a role where I can see my thoughts and values benefit others," said Sardina. "I can see the fruits of my efforts."

Sardina serves as the Housing Authority's liaison to the Community Preservation Committee, a role she enjoys immensely and which supports her goal of giving back to the aging population, since CPC supports the senior housing at Elm Street.

Last week, three candidates pulled nomination papers to serve on the Library Trustees: Roger Lowe, Sarah Pease, and Elaine Breslow. Terms last

for three years. There are four seats available.

Other candidates who previously pulled papers include: Steve Gaumer, current chairman of the Board of Selectmen (for selectman); Jack Keniley, member and former chairman of the Capital Budget Committee (for selectman); and Clark Brewer, current chairman of the Planning Board (for planning board).

The first day to pull nomination papers for Annual Town Election was Monday, Feb. 8th. Papers are available from the Town Clerk's office until March 24th.

Nominees must be registered voters of the town. All papers must be submitted by March 28th. Note that nominees are not running for office until papers are taken out and the board of registrars certifies signatures – and yes, that applies to those running for reelection, as well.

Annual Town Election is scheduled for May 14th.

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## "We don't have the possibility of funding that kind of project in our budget."

Taffy Nothnagle, chairwoman of the Housing Authority

## FRIDGES

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is \$5). A small and variable budget means there's no way the Housing Authority can afford to give the residents certain necessities, like water heaters and fridges, without help.

"We don't have the possibility of funding that kind of project in our budget," said Taffy Nothnagle, chairwoman of the Housing Authority. They can absorb the one or two fridges that have been failing each year, but as they start to lose 10 or more per year, the budget won't be able to keep up.

The Housing Authority came to the right place. In 2004, the Community Preservation Committee supplied the previous batch of refrigerators, and it was an easy sell this time around, too. The board approved funding in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, which will cover the purchase and installation of new, energy-efficient fridges as well as the removal of old ones.

"You're being proactive and anticipating failure, which is something we have done before," said

committee member Alex Koines. But he wanted to know: "Before CPC, how did you replace fridges?"

Nothnagle speculated that they must have done it piecemeal, but Community Preservation Act funds have been an option for as long as she's been in charge.

The Community Preservation Committee is an outgrowth of the state Community Preservation Act (CPA). Its purpose is to set aside funds to preserve and highlight the historical treasures of the town, as well as increase the town's open space, recreational facilities, affordable housing, and other community enrichment projects.

Cohasset is one of 160 Massachusetts communities that have adopted this program since it was signed into law in 2000.

While the committee had intended to keep the Feb. 22nd meeting discussion-only, it decided to hold a vote for this item, and the funding was supported

unanimously.

"I think we have to do it," said member Richard Karoff.

Other items discussed included renovations to Second Congregational Church, improvements to Milliken Field's snack shack and baseball diamond, remodeling of the space now shared by the Rec Department and library, and a potential land purchase for the purpose of developing new affordable housing.

While these were all seen as worthy and valuable projects, the board saw a real need at 60 Elm Street and rose to meet it. Members will mull over the night's other presentations and will vote on which projects to support at their next meeting on March 7th.

Articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant must be submitted by mid-March.

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required the signatures of the Selectmen and School Committee.

Finally, the town had to develop an energy use baseline report and a plan to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent within five years.

By retrofitting lights at the library, police station, and fire station and replacing energy drives at the schools with more efficient alternatives, the town has already achieved an 11 percent reduction in energy use. The Alternative Energy Committee is confident that it can achieve an additional

nine percent reduction in plenty of time to meet the five-year deadline.

"This designation is quite an achievement and reflects the hard work and tireless efforts your community has exhibited in meeting the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program's five criteria," said a letter from the state's Department of Energy Resources. "Meeting these criteria is proof of Cohasset's position as an energy leader in Massachusetts."

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## UPDATE

# Several projects seeking preservation funds

## Committee hears host of proposals

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It's time for the Community Preservation Committee to pick its projects for the next fiscal year. As usual, this is one pie that everyone wants a slice of. The committee fielded proposals at its Feb. 22nd meeting.

The meeting was discussion-only. Members will weigh options over the next two weeks, applicants will provide any additional materials requested, and the committee will vote at its next meeting on March 7th. Of course, all projects will have to go before voters at Annual Town Meeting to get final approval.

## Church

The board continued a discussion of work requested by Second Congregational Church, including historical restoration of windows, safety- and aesthetics-related repairs to the front portico, replacement of doors, and some roof repairs. The total price tag? \$187,000.

There has been some controversy over this request. Some feel that it treads too close to the line between church and state and violates the Anti-Aid Amendment, which prohibits public money from being used for religious purposes.

The church, constructed in 1824, is part of the Cohasset Common Historical District and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is technically eligible for Community Preservation Act funds.

But the religious aspect isn't the only stumbling block for this project. The sheer cost has given the committee pause, especially considering that many of the line items cannot be construed as anything other than maintenance – a purpose for which CPA funds may not be used.

"The proposals here vary from our purpose," said committee member Richard Karoff. "This is common maintenance. You need a roof – that's not our responsibility, but yours."

The board remained open to helping with elements that were in line with its mission, mainly, those that would affect the façade of the building that faces into the Cohasset Common Historical District.

But it's not just going to write a check; the church needs to get some skin in the game. Committee members were unpleasantly surprised to hear that, while the church has been raising funds, it is unwilling to use them for this project, having earmarked them for a new organ.

"That's a big problem to me," said CPC member Michael Dickey. "The congregation should be helping themselves, at least to some significant percentage. Coming in and saying you want 100 percent from the CPC rubs me the wrong way and doesn't make any sense. Most groups are looking to match funds."

Member Susan Sardina agreed, fearing that organizations in town are starting to see CPA funds as "easy money." If the church will furnish a list of projects with price tags, ordered by priority, the board remains open to considering parts of the project.

## Milliken shed

Next on the docket, the Recreation Commission

returned with its plans for the facilities at Milliken Field.

Commission Chairman Elizabeth Frazier described how parents with babies have no clean or convenient place to change diapers. Those who require handicapped access can't use the bathrooms at all, since the current "facilities" are simply Porta-potties.

It may be a moot point, though, seeing as the field has no handicapped access at all. Frazier said her father-in-law has to watch his grandkids play sports from the car. This is another issue the commission would like to address as part of the proposed project.

The new snack shack would include handicapped-accessible bathrooms and a new and improved kitchen. Plans were provided pro-bono by local architect John Tiriyaki for a "quaint, friendly" structure that would gel with the character of the town.

While the idea of using a local architect is appealing, the board and Town Engineer Brian Joyce noted that it would be less expensive to get a prefabricated structure that could then be customized in small ways to match the Rec Commission's vision. Frazier and company were open to the suggestion.

After all, there's only \$20,620 of CPC funds earmarked for recreation and open space purposes, and the shack alone would cost 10 times that, let alone improvements Rec would like to make to the Milliken baseball diamond. CPC could apply non-earmarked money from its general fund, but that would leave fewer dollars for affordable housing projects, which CPC wants to prioritize this year.

Fortunately for the Rec Commission, options for outside funding have not been exhausted, and the commission continues to look for opportunities to support the proposed improvements. It's also open to scaling back or compromising where possible.

"We don't need the Mercedes Benz of kitchens," said Frazier.

## Our World space

Frazier remained at the table for a joint presentation with Carolyn Coffey of the Library Trustees. Now that the Town has obtained the former Our World space for use by the Recreation Department, Rec and the library are roommates and are looking for ways to collaborate.

CPC Chairman Russ Bonetti wasn't sure his committee could help with interior plans. The applicants demonstrated how their proposal would create new recreational opportunities, support existing programs, and help diversify educational opportunities for all ages.

The applicants also hope to make some much-needed changes to the exterior. They suggested that the large parking lot behind the library is ugly and impractical, while the driveway connecting it to the upper lot poses a safety threat to children getting dropped off at the Rec center.

The applicants hope to relocate the playground closer to the building and have the driveway wrap around the far side. They also envision improvements to the basketball court and the parking lot itself, which served appropriately as a school bus turnaround when the building house the Joseph Osgood School, but which could definitely stand to be updated.

## CPA funds

■ The Community Preservation Act was signed into law 15 years ago and from that point on, some 160 cities and towns including Cohasset have adopted the legislation allowing them to obtain Community Preservation Funds to purchase open space; rehabilitate historic structures and develop affordable housing.

■ CPA funds are generated from two sources, a town real estate tax surcharge (in Cohasset 1.5 percent) and some level of state match, determined from year-to-year. The state funds are derived from a \$20 surcharge on all documents filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office statewide (e.g. mortgages, deeds, home-steads, etc.)

■ Under the Community Preservation Act, 10 percent of the monies accumulated in a town's Community Preservation Fund must go toward preserving open space, another 10 percent toward historic preservation, and 10 percent toward community housing. The remaining 70 percent can be spent for any of the above and recreation. Any money in the fund that is not appropriated can be banked for future years. Borrowing is also allowed with payments for interest and principal coming out of the fund.

■ The Community Preservation Committee reviews proposals and recommends appropriating money from the Community Preservation Fund on projects supporting low and moderate income housing, historical preservation, and open space acquisition and preservation. Town Meeting voters have the final say.

Bonetti and the board agreed that the project was worthwhile, and transforming the library and Rec center into a recreational, educational "campus" could help combat the town's growing youth substance abuse problem, as suggested by the applicants.

However, while it may be open to funding a study this fiscal cycle, the board didn't seem optimistic about being able to fund the actual work, especially when taken alongside the Rec Commission's other requests.

## Other business

Next, the board considered and approved a request from the Housing Authority to replace 55 aging refrigerators at the 60 Elm Street senior affordable housing units. CPC allotted up to \$36,000 for the installation of new, energy-efficient refrigerators and removal of outdated ones.

Finally, Clark Brewer came forward on behalf of the Conservation Trust to provide an update about a land parcel adjacent to Wheelwright Park. Previously, Brewer had thought that a house on the lot could be repurposed into affordable family housing, but further research showed the price tag would be too high. The property alone is going for \$800,000, and upgrades would be needed.

However, Brewer saw other opportunities to develop affordable housing in Cohasset, including potential partnerships with developers who are already working on projects around town. These will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Some items on the agenda were not discussed, but will probably come up at future meetings, including the rebuilding of the boat ramp at Parker Avenue and the transformation of a West Corner parcel into a park.

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## GREEN

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"as-of-right siting" for a ground-mounted solar array at the old landfill and the adoption of Stretch Energy Code, fulfilling criteria one and five.

Cohasset adopted an expedited application and permitting process for as-of-right energy facilities, satisfying criterion two. To satisfy criterion four, the town committed to purchasing only fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal purposes, a plan which



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### YOUTH BASEBALL

#### CYBSA registration

Spring is around the corner, and Cohasset Youth Baseball and Softball Association's online Registration for the 2016 season is now open through March 1.

The registration process is available by visiting [www.CYBSA.net](http://www.CYBSA.net)

Late fees of \$50 will be applied beginning March 1 and registration will close on March 25, 2016.

Cooperation in registering players in a timely manner is greatly appreciated as it allows the CYBSA to establish rosters and order equipment and uniforms to be ready for Opening Day.

Please direct questions to Jen Miller at [jencoakleymiller@mac.com](mailto:jencoakleymiller@mac.com) or 704-609-1267.

### BABE RUTH BASEBALL

#### Cohasset joins with Norwell Hanover and Scituate

The Board of Directors of Norwell Little League are excited to announce that the Babe Ruth program will once again experience growth in 2016. For the first time in 2015, Norwell and Hanover combined to form one league for kids aged 13-15.

In 2016, both Cohasset and Scituate will join the league.

This is a fantastic partnership for all programs allowing teams from Norwell, Hanover, Scituate and Cohasset to not only to continue to play teams from their own town but in an expanded league, to play each other.

Scituate, Cohasset, and Hanover are natural partners for us as the kids will see an expanded level of competitiveness, an opportunity to travel locally, and an opportunity to represent Norwell in this newly expanded league.

There will be league games held at Norwell (Norwell High School) as well as in Hanover, Cohasset, and Scituate. Some games in Scituate will be played under the lights. There will also be a single elimination playoff at the end of the season.

Teams will be selected with about 14 players per team. This will allow kids that want to play but may have some other obligations (for example High School Freshmen Baseball) to play but if they have to miss a game there are enough kids on the team to play the game. This is an excellent opportunity to play in a competitive league at a very reasonable price.

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

## In a groove

Girls beat Holbrook on Senior Night

By William Wassersug  
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The Cohasset girls basketball team has found a groove during the late part of the season, and that could be a problem for opponents in the upcoming MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Tournament.

With a dominating 52-21 win over Holbrook, Monday Feb. 22, the girls improved to 12-7 (7-5) and have

already claimed at least a share of the South Shore League Tobin Division title.

The league championship was the team's second in a row, and Cohasset will be in the tournament for the third straight season, after missing out four years ago.

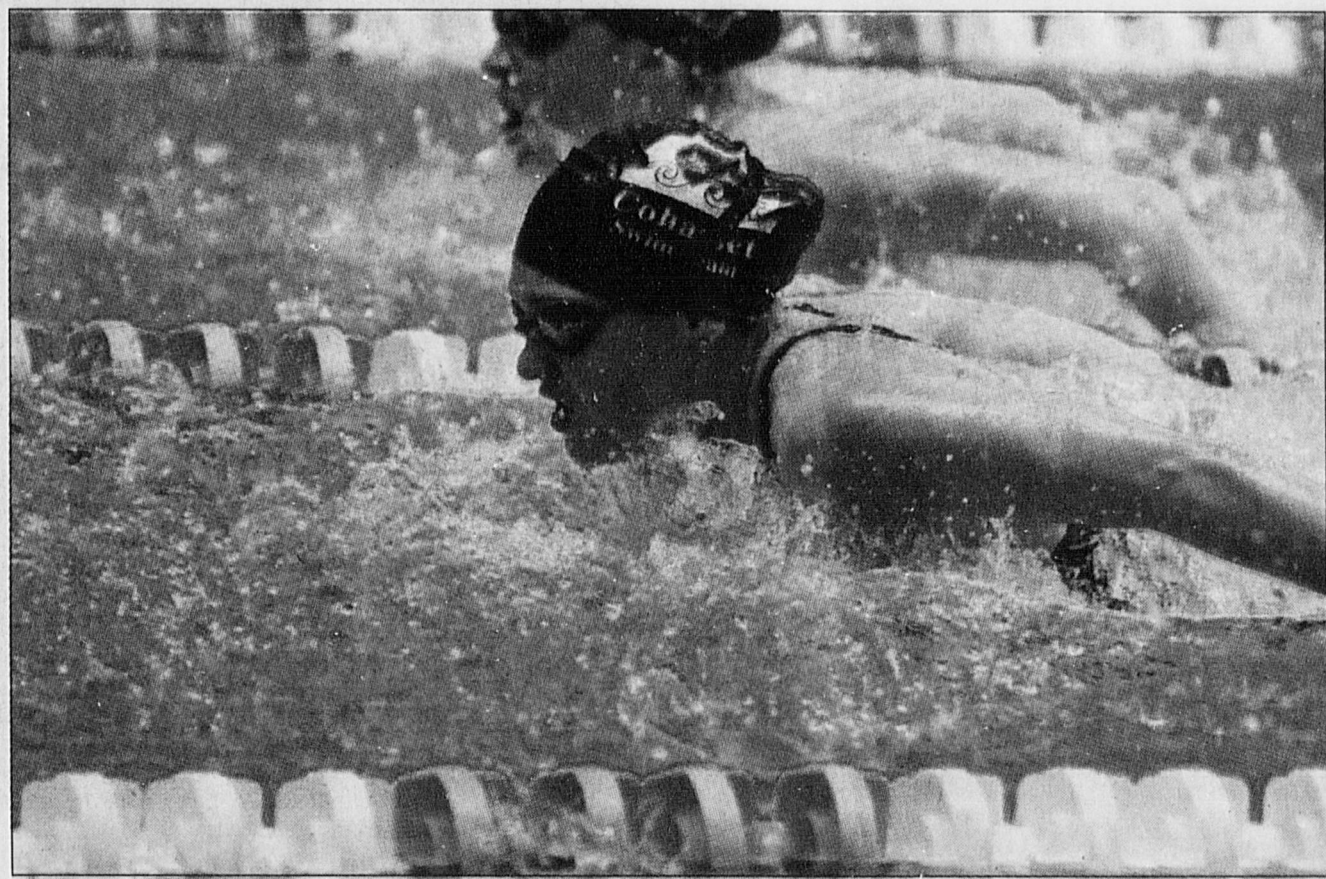
"They were understaffed," Cohasset coach John LeVangie said of

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Seniors Meg Rosano and Emily Rosano with Ross and Kristen Rosano and Jill Rosano on Senior Night. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

### SWIM AND DIVE



Cohasset's Julia Klier won the State Championship in the 200 Individual Medley. COURTESY PHOTO

## Solid state for Skipper swimmers

By Michael P. Norton

Julia Klier's racing skills are known in Cohasset and around the local swimming circuit. On Sunday, Feb. 21 she capped her high school career by making herself a state champion at Boston University, where the best swimmers in Massachusetts, including nine of Klier's teammates, put on

a show. Klier captured first place in the 200-yard individual medley, a brilliant event that requires mastery of all four major strokes. Her lifetime personal best of 2:05.83 improved on her meet-low 2:08.87 seed time. Klier also nearly snagged another blue

ribbon of statewide import, placing second in the 100-yard backstroke at 57.79 and while closing in on Marblehead's Ellie Ronan who finished at 57.60.

"I wanted to put it all out there for my teammates, my school and [coach] Bill Burnett," Klier said. "I am overwhelmed with

emotions thinking this is my last meet as a high school senior. Everything came together as I hoped. I felt great in the water, and was ready to race fast today."

"Her name will now be added to the state

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### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Bump in the road

Senior Night loss only small setback in successful season

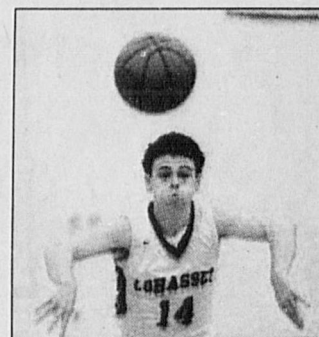
By William Wassersug

Senior Night didn't go as planned for the Cohasset High School boys basketball team Wednesday Feb. 24, as the Skippers lost to Div. 2 Falmouth 55-44.

Regardless of the loss, the regular season will go down as a success for the Skippers, who head into the MIAA with an 11-9 record (7-6 South Shore League) and a share of the South Shore League Tobin Division championship with the 7-6 league record in the Tobin Division.

"It wasn't what we were hoping for on Senior

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Liam O'Connell passes the ball against Falmouth. COURTESY PHOTO/KATY WASSERSUG

### BOYS HOCKEY

## Fantastic finish

Ice men win Spartan Cup Tourney, dominate Senior Night

By William Wassersug  
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Talk about a great couple of games and you can talk about the Cohasset boys hockey team in the Spartan Cup Tournament at Hetland Ice Arena in New Bedford, Feb. 19.

That night, the Skippers won the tournament championship with a 2-1 overtime win over host Bishop Stang.

The Skippers followed that win with a 6-0 win over St. John Paul on Saturday Feb. 20 in the team's annual Senior Night game at Connell Rink in Weymouth.

In the Senior Night win, junior Thomas Durkin scored twice and was joined with solo tallies from junior Aidan McHugh, junior Mike McKelvey, sophomore Ryan Losordo, and freshman Matt Lund. Senior goaltender Liam McHugh earned his 11th win of the season and his second shutout.

The win improved the Skippers to 11-8-1 and qualified them for the MIAA Tournament.

Against Bishop Stang, it was a battle that eventually tipped on a mistake by the

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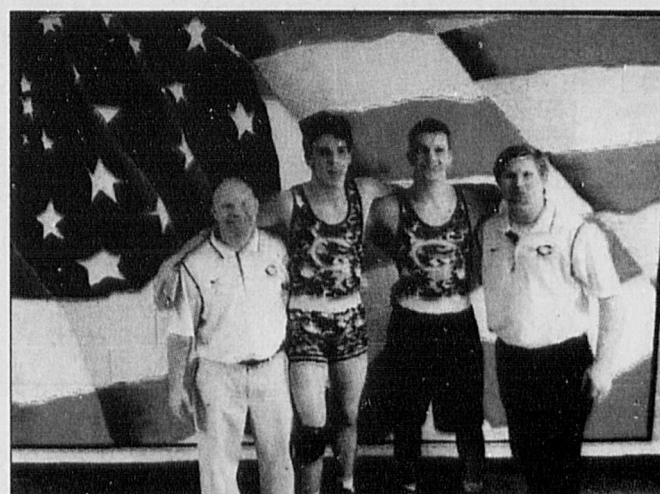
## Mavilia and Sullivan make All-States

Cohasset wrestlers qualify by placing at Div. 3 meet

By William Wassersug  
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Setting goals and reaching goals can be very different, but when a goal is reached, it is a very special feeling.

Cohasset wrestler Sean Mavilia is feeling the satisfaction of reaching goals after placing at the MIAA Division 3 State Wrestling Championships last weekend at Pittsfield, and winning his 100th career match, a feat accomplished during the Div. 3 South Sectional Tournament, where he finished second to qualify for States, where he battled to a 4-2 record.



Wrestlers Cole Sullivan and Sean Mavilia with coaches Mike Pimental and Torin Sweeney at the Division 3 State Meet at Pittsfield. COURTESY PHOTO

Placing at States was big. He's been there before, but hasn't made his way into the top-six until this season.

Likewise for teammate Cole Sullivan, who also won his way to the Div. 3 State

Meet where he finished 4-2 and also qualified to wrestle at the All-State meet this weekend at Reading.

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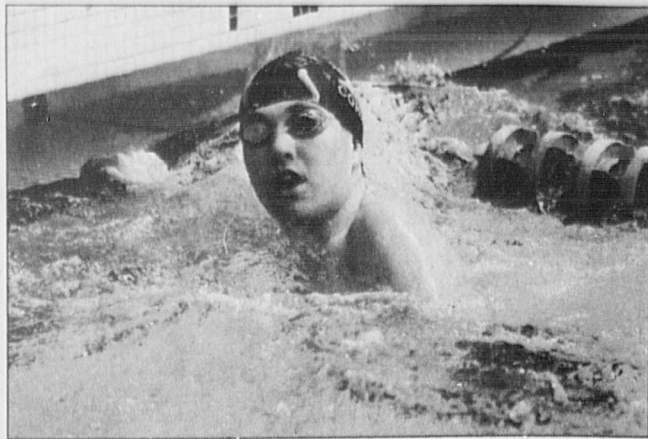
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champion banner at the school," said Burnett. "An incredible achievement for Julia. She has worked so hard for this moment. What a great way to head into her NCAA career." Klier plans to attend Connecticut College.

As Klier cemented her local swimming legend status, Dean Spicer served notice that he is the proverbial new force for area swimmers to reckon with. Spicer notched a seventh place overall finish in the 500-yard freestyle, at 4:53.87, and placed ninth in the 200-yard individual medley at 2:03.09, cutting nearly four seconds off his seed time. Just a freshman, Spicer has launched his Skipper career with a flourish.

Seniors Levente Haber, Luke Norton and Callihan O'Neill, juniors Nicky Tolosko and Madeline Littlejohn, sophomores Lena Welch and Joe Wellman, and freshman Hanna Burnett added to the fun as the Cohasset swim teams achieved individual and team success unmatched in the school's history. Every swimmer posted lifetime personal best times during the past two weeks of post-season competition.

Klier and Tolosko lifted the girls team to an eleventh place finish out of 44 teams. Marblehead won the girls state



Cohasset's Luke Norton hits the wall and looks towards the scoreboard to check out Cohasset's time in the 200 yard freestyle relay race at the Division 2 state swim meet at BU on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016.

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championship, followed by Weston, Longmeadow, Duxbury and Norwell.

The boys finished 24th among the 40 teams that competed at states. Weston prevailed as boys champs, followed by Wayland, Norwell, Belchertown and Northampton. Duxbury finished sixth, with junior Nat Davenport topping the fields in the 50-free and the 100-free.

Haber, Norton, Spicer and Wellman broke their own school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Their 1:35.99 time beat their sectionals record of 1:36.38 set a week earlier at MIT in Cambridge.

Norton said he believed the Skippers had met their goal this season, which he described as "to have fun, and improve as a team, and swim each race smarter."

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Klier,

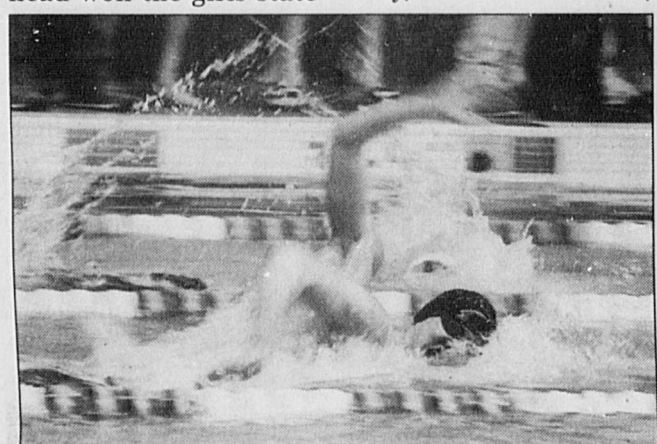
Welch, Tolosko and O'Neill shaved 0.38 seconds off their seed time, touching in at 1:56.02 for a seventh place finish in a field of 33.

Tolosko and two swimmers checked in at 25.74 in the 50-yard freestyle, good for a three-way tie for tenth place. In the 100-free, Tolosko posted a personal best at 57.51 and finished 23rd in a field of 32.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Littlejohn, Burnett, Welch and O'Neill clocked in a 1:51.95. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Tolosko, O'Neill, Welch and Klier placed 24th among 28 teams with a time of 3:58.32.

"The success our swimmers have had over the last two weeks at sectionals and states capped off an incredible season," said first-year head coach Burnett. "Call it beginner's luck or being at the right place at the right time, our kids responded well to the plan, worked hard, and best of all, helped create an atmosphere of high energy and success. It will be hard to replicate the feeling I have now about my first season with the team. We need to carry this momentum into next year to continue to build the program."

The team will celebrate their historic season this Friday at Atlantica with more than 80 people in attendance.



Cohasset's Dean Spicer competes in the 500 yard freestyle race at the Division 2 state swim meet at BU on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016.

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### BASEBALL

#### Hawks looking for assistant coach

The Marshfield Green Harbor Hawks of the

Cranberry League, an amateur summer baseball league for college age and older players, are looking for a third volunteer coach to join the staff. The season is 27 games long with games around the South Shore on weeknights with doubleheaders on Sundays. The Hawks prefer candidates with coaching/playing experience at this level.

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## WRESTLING

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four years I've wrestled," Mavilia said. "I've had some tough matches."

For both wrestlers, this year was a huge one. Both were injured and only wrestled partial seasons.

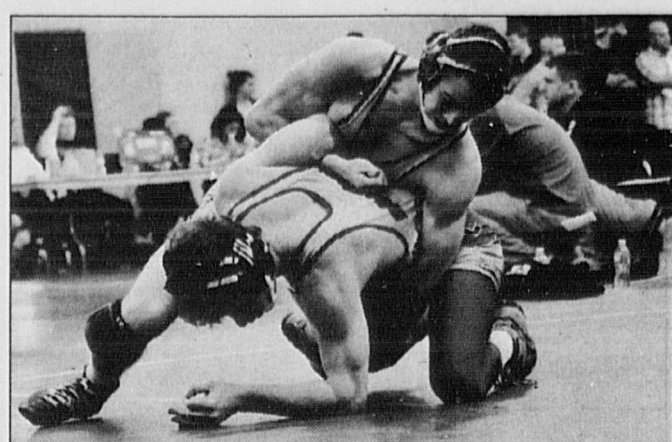
"Both of them lost most of their junior years," Cohasset coach Torin Sweeney said. "To come back and place this year is phenomenal."

Mavilia wrestled at 152, while Sullivan wrestled 160 at States.

Mavilia has his priorities clearly in line when it comes to the next level.

"Hopefully I'll get a few upsets, a few wins and have fun," he said. "The whole point is having fun. I love wrestling. It is a lot of fun for me. It also helps me in other sports and life, just being a better person. The discipline and training help a lot."

Mavilia also plays football and lacrosse, but calls wrestling his favorite sport.



Sean Mavilia wrestles at States. COURTESY PHOTO/SUE MAVILIA

One highlight for Mavilia was getting his 100th win, a huge milestone for wrestlers, made especially huge since he missed most of his junior year.

"That was probably one of the best moments of my life," Mavilia said. "Since the eighth grade one of my goals was to win 100 matches. Somehow, despite an injury and only 13 wins last year, I pulled through and it happened."

Sweeney was impressed with Sullivan's tournament.

"He was on fire," Sweeney said. "He had three pins and his two losses were to kids who were ranked second and third in the state. He did a great job."

Other Skippers making the trip were Mike Nolan and Daniel Nolan.

"Mike Nolan went 1-2," Sweeney said of the sophomore who wrestled at 132. "Daniel Nolan is an eighth-grader and he wrestled at 106. He did a good job. For an eighth grader, he did great. He lost to the champ."

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hosts.

Following the first period of no scoring on either side, the Skippers jumped ahead with the first goal in the second period on a tally by senior Kyle O'Brien.

Stang knotted it up in the third to 1-1 that followed the teams into a five minute overtime period that pitted four-on-four for sudden death. With a balanced attack on both sides, Stang was caught overloading the ice during a line change, which gave Cohasset a man advantage that led to a quick score by Aidan McHugh for the 2-1 championship. He had help from O'Brien

and Michael Cohen.

"Tonight was a great way to honor our seniors and they all played well in the win," Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said. "We have one more game remaining in the regular season and are picking up momentum as we head into the state tournament. We need to continue our progression and be ready for the challenges of the post season. The team has really grown in the past couple of weeks and we have all of the pieces to make a legitimate run in the tournament."

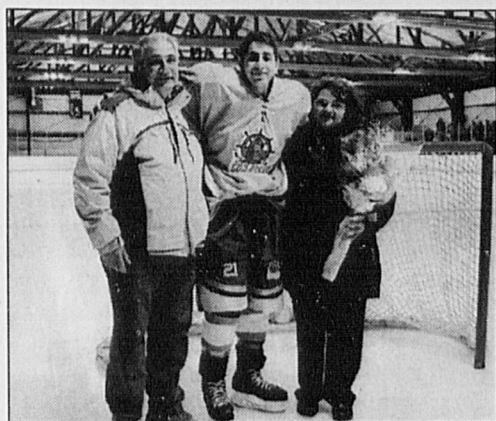
Aidan McHugh finished the tournament with five points and his brother, senior goaltender Liam McHugh, completed another solid effort in net and was named the tournament MVP.

"We started a little sluggish, but the team stepped it up against a tough, physical Bishop Stang squad. They refused to quit at the end and controlled play through OT," Mahoney said. "We appear to be getting stronger with the state tournament looming and that's the goal of every program. We've shown that when we skate hard and are aggressive with our forecheck and backcheck, we can compete with anyone."

In the opener of the Spartan Cup Tournament, Cohasset beat Hanover 5-3 on the strength of a pair of goals from Jackson Dutton. Jimmy Farren, Aidan McHugh and Matt Lund also scored.



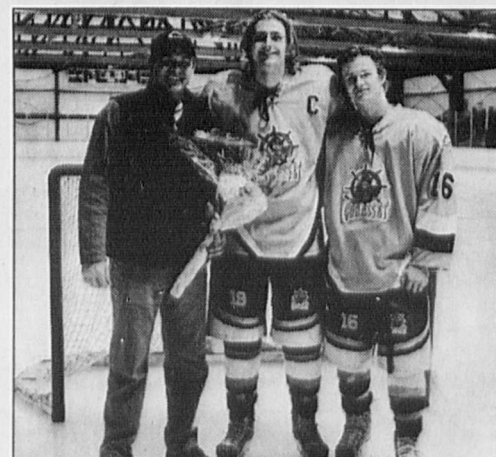
Jack Coffman with his parents Dirk and Denise.



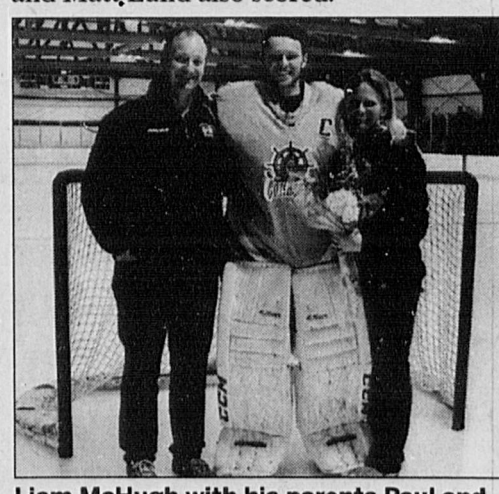
Andrew Rosano with his parents Mario and Gina.



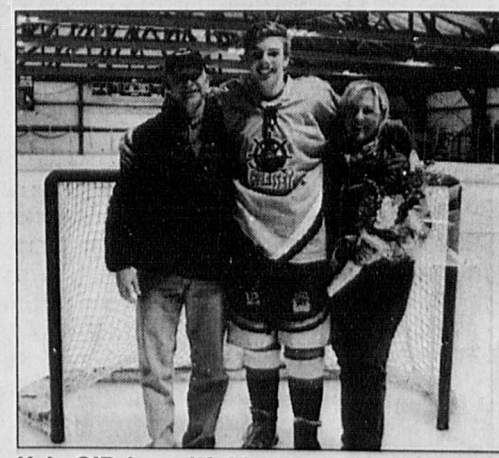
Jackson Dutton with his parents Steve and Diane.



Matthew Legge with his father Andy and brother Michael.



Liam McHugh with his parents Paul and Sue. COURTESY PHOTOS



Kyle O'Brien with his parents Mike and Janice.



Joe Cavanaro with his parents John and Sandra.

## Create a Legacy to Conquer Cancer



Roger Paschke, AML survivor, Dana-Farber and Jimmy Fund supporter

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Night," Cohasset assistant coach John Maher said. "We played them better the first time around. Tonight just didn't go our way. Still, we're league champs and in the Tourney. Once the tourney starts, anything can happen."

In the Falmouth game, Cohasset fell behind 28-18 at the half and after Falmouth opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run, it pretty much ended any thought of a comeback by

the home team.

"We made a couple of runs, cut the lead to nine, but that was all we could do."

Maher said his team did a few things well.

"Everyone had a moment or two here and there," he said. "In this type of game its tough to point out any one player."

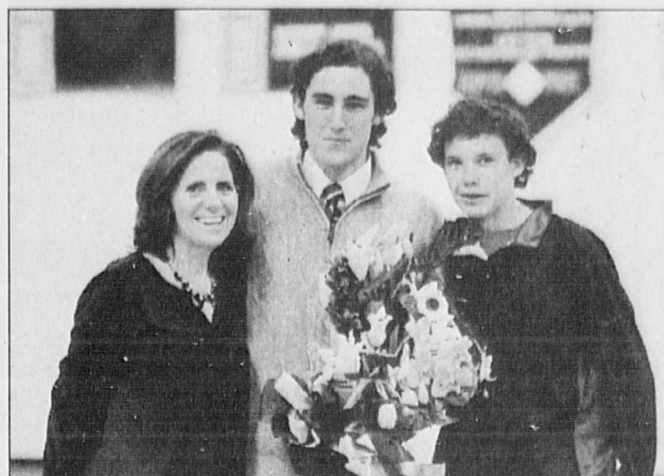
Now, the boys wait until pairings are announced Feb. 26.

What the team will bring to the tournament is a question.

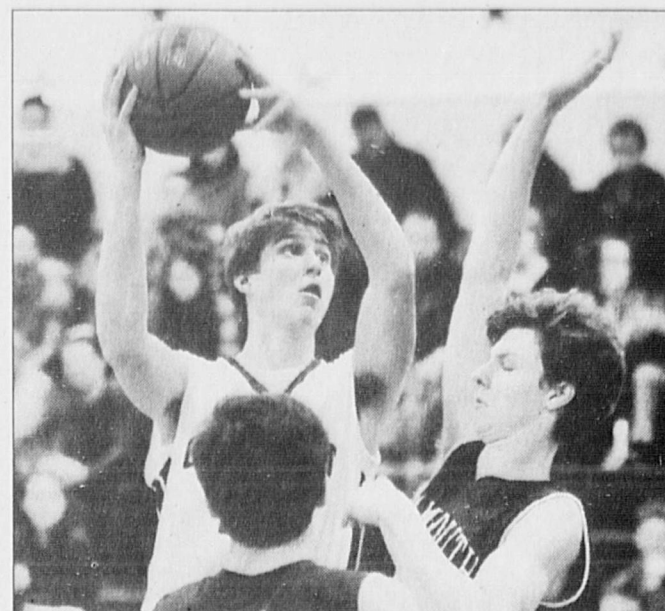
"Not many of the guys have actual tournament

experience," Maher said. "Only Alex Norton has seen any real playing time in the tournament."

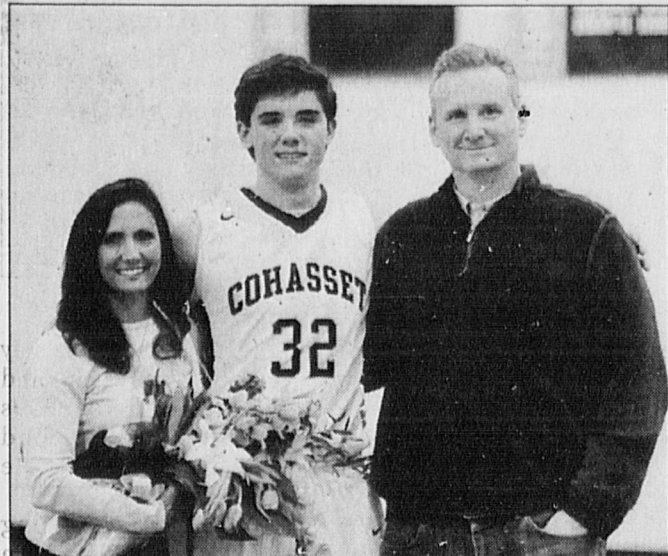
Graduating seniors celebrated were JP Adams, Nick Rosen, Alex Norton, and Christian Hanke.



Cohasset senior JP Adams with family on Senior Night, Wed. Feb. 24.



Cohasset's Chase Bomeisler goes up for a shot against Falmouth. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Alex Norton with parents Tom and Dana.



Christian Hanke with mom Diana.



Nick Rosen with parents Michael and Lisa.

**GIRLS HOOP**

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Holbrook. It was a good chance to get a lot of kids out there."

For Cohasset seniors Emily Rosano, Meg Rosano and Tracy Fogarty, the game was a little bittersweet. The girls were celebrating Senior Night, but with a huge early lead, they spent a big chunk of time on the bench.

"The girls wanted to be in there at the end," LeVangie said. "They've been on the varsity four years. This meant a lot to them."

Winning the league two straight years is a great accomplishment."

For the girls, the seniors all played well, as did the second group of players who kept up a frenetic pace the entire game.

One big upside for Cohasset in recent games has been the team's shooting, which has been dramatically better down the stretch than it had been earlier in the season.

"The shooting has been coming along," LeVangie said. "They're doing a good job."



Cohasset's Emily Rosano works against Holbrook's defense, Feb. 22 at Cohasset High School. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Cohasset had one game left on the schedule, Feb. 24 at Monomoy (result unavailable at press time). A Skipper win will give the team the league crown outright.



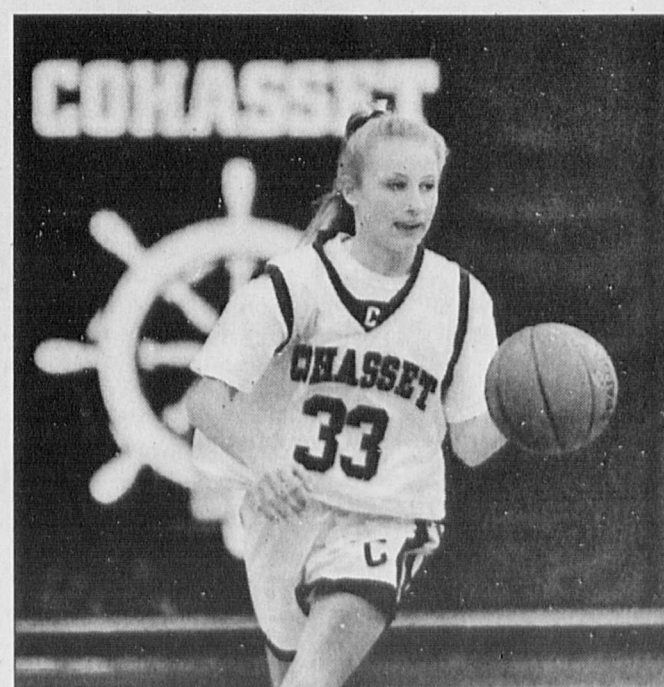
Cohasset senior Emily Rosano drives to the hoop against Holbrook, Feb. 22.



Emily Rosano drives against Holbrook, Feb. 23.



Cohasset's Zoe Doherty leads a break against Holbrook.



Cohasset's Jane Hansen brings the ball upcourt during the second half of a one-sided Skipper win over Holbrook, Monday Feb. 22.



Cohasset senior Tracy Fogarty with mom Christine.



Kate Quigley turns a corner against Holbrook.

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## Monday, Feb. 15

**1:02 a.m.:** A water leak was reported on **Surry Drive**. A caller reported a water leak and the garage ceiling collapsing on their vehicle. Attached garage appeared to be the only damaged area. Water was shut off and caller was advised to call plumber.

**3:21 a.m.:** A water leak was reported on **Howe Road**. A caller reported flooding in the bathroom and laundry room. National Grid was notified and sent someone to the scene.

**4:04 a.m.:** A fire alarm was reported on **Avalon Drive**. A caller reported her fire alarms were activated and claimed she also had issues with water the previous day. Maintenance was called to scene.

**8:15 a.m.:** A caller reported his passenger front window had been smashed out on **Tupelo Road**. The vehicle was in the driveway, and caller can't tell if anything is missing yet. Responders report that window may have broken because of the cold.

**10:58 a.m.:** A water leak was reported on **North Main Street**. Caller stated the sound of a waterfall coming from the basement. Caller stated water was about an inch deep. Services were rendered.

**3:43 p.m.:** A fire alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** at the Sea Ches Consignment Shop. A caller reported the fire alarm going off but no reports of smoke or fire. Services were rendered.

**3:50 p.m.:** A caller from **Deep Run** reports that a pipe burst and they can't find the shut off valve. Water was secured, and homeowner was advised to call plumber.

**5:51 p.m.:** Officer reports roads getting slick and advises DPW to be notified.

**10:19 p.m.:** **Jerusalem Road** caller reports across the street power line blew, looks like pole is sparking or on fire. National Grid notified.

**10:21 p.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. Alarm company was notified that power went out in the area. Area was checked and secured.

**10:35 p.m.:** Suspicious activity was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. A resident reported she was in the rear cottage, heard a noise near her basement window and saw footprints in the snow. Services were rendered.

## Tuesday, Feb. 16

**12:26 a.m.:** A power outage was reported on **Hull Street**. Caller reported power outage for 30 minutes at their location.

**3:47 a.m.:** A noise complaint was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. A caller reported a motor running outside by her basement door. Generator is making the noise. Area was

checked and secured.

**6:45 a.m.:** Officer on traffic post on **Forest Ave**.

**10:32 a.m.:** Drug kiosk in police lobby emptied.

**11:24 a.m.:** Caller saw a collapsed manhole cover on 3A south just before exit of **Shaw's Plaza**. State DPW advised.

**12:43 p.m.:** **Jerusalem Road** homeowner into station tor eport house door was jammed. Key would not go into door; nothing missing.

**3:55 p.m.:** A power outage was reported on **Aaron River Road**.

**5:20 p.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Lamberts Lane**. The living room sensor detected movement. Alarm company notified keyholder. Property was checked and secured.

**6:02 p.m.:** Tree took wires down on **Sandy Beach Lane**.

**6:33 p.m.:** A fire alarm was activated on **Nichols Road**. A leak on the first floor going into the basement was reported.

**8:22 p.m.:** **Scituate police** requesting Cohasset K-9 for domestic incident. Party took off.

**11:49 p.m.:** Party in lobby sought advice regarding credit card fraud.

## Wednesday, Feb. 17

**4:25 a.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Ripley Road**. Services were rendered.

**8:30 a.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Pond Street**. Studio door had been tampered with. The area was checked and secured.

**10:59 a.m.:** Male party was reportedly having a breakdown. Services were rendered.

**11:04 a.m.:** Threats were reported on **Lighthouse Lane**. Services were rendered.

**4:44 p.m.:** An unwanted customer at Tedeschi Plaza off Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reported a banned party is now in the parking lot. Units were dispatched, but the subject was gone upon arrival. Subject never entered the store. Subject tried to have a female friend buy alcohol, but the sale was denied.

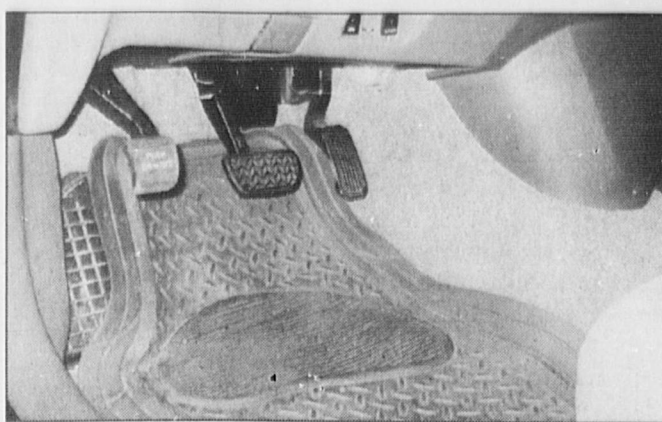
**10:29 p.m.:** A motor vehicle accident was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. Caller stated her vehicle slid on ice, and she hit the stone wall. No injuries were reported. Services were rendered.

## Thursday, Feb. 18

**7:49 a.m.:** Car into pole on **Border Street**; driver injured. MVA in Scituate, Scituate to transport.

**1:13 a.m.:** A motor vehicle accident was reported on Highland Avenue. Caller reported their car was hit while working in the building.

**8:17 a.m.:** CO investigation on **Jerusalem Road**; investigating



**TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK:** A stuck brake or gas pedal caused by a mechanical defect is rare. More common causes may be an object such as a floor mat, a shoe, or an item inside your car which rolls forward or becomes wedged under the pedal. If your gas pedal does become stuck, keep your eyes on the road, shift to neutral, pull off the road when safe to do so and turn off the engine. COURTESY PHOTO

heating system. Plumbing and wire inspectors on scene. Home ventilated.

**1:13 p.m.:** Car was hit while working at St. Stephen's Church, **Highland Ave.**, top of the hill.

**1:45 p.m.:** Plumbing van driving fast at **Jerusalem and Nichols roads**, heading toward town center.

**5:10 p.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Atlantic Avenue**. A front door interior motion sensor was activated, as well as the garage and basement motion alarms. Officer reports no vehicles in the driveway and no audible sounds coming from the house. The house was checked and secured.

## Friday, Feb. 19

**6:51 a.m.:** Officer on traffic patrol at **Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street**.

**9:54 a.m.:** A suspicious motor vehicle was reported on **North Main Street**. A caller reported a GMC Envoy parked in the same spot for the last two days. Caller believes the property is abandoned and vehicle is displaying an expired inspection sticker. Services were rendered.

**1:46 p.m.:** Erratic operation of a motor vehicle was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway** near Stop & Shop. A caller reported a Saturn passed two cars on the left side of the road almost hit two people head-on. Car was headed towards Scituate. Vehicle was stopped on South Main Street, and the driver was issued a citation.

**4:40 p.m.:** Well being check of elderly man pushing shopping cart on **3A south near Stop & Shop**. Checks out fine, pushing cart full of bottles and cans to redemption center.

**5:14 p.m.:** Erratic operation of a motor vehicle was reported at **Hull Street and Jerusalem Road**. Caller reported a motor vehicle was all over the road. An area search turned up negative.

**9:46 p.m.:** Officer conducting traffic enforcement on **Jerusalem Road**.

## Saturday, Feb. 20

**8:33 a.m.:** A burglary alarm

was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. The front door of the building was open. The building was checked and secured.

**10:50 a.m.:** Male party says saw missing person at **Shaw's**. Officer with person matching description in middle of parking lot but it was a case of mistaken identity. Man is a Shaw's employee.

**12:07 p.m.:** MV stop on **Beechwood Street** results in car being towed for expired registration.

**4:12 p.m.:** Fraud was reported; resident stopped into HQ for advice.

**8:58 p.m.:** A burglary alarm was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. The garage door alarm was activated. Property was checked and secured.

**9:23 p.m.:** Erratic operation of a motor vehicle was reported on **Sohier Street**. A caller reported a tan Jeep driving erratically. Officers spoke to the new driver. Everything checks out OK.

## Sunday, Feb. 21

**1:25 a.m.:** Caller reports deer in middle of road on **Border Street**. Hit by car but still alive.

**10:02 a.m.:** A water leak was reported on **Howard Gleason Road**. A caller reported a possible water leak inside a vacant house. Officers spoke with caretaker of property who stated the sump pump is running and pumping water out of the crawl space under the house.

**11:55 a.m.:** Warrant arrest on **Bay View Drive**. Male party in custody.

**12:32 p.m.:** A water leak was reported on **James Lane**. A caller reported a broken pipe in the bathroom.

**2:42 p.m.:** MV stop on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**; family member took possession of child and vehicle; male transported to station.

**2:53 p.m.:** A fire alarm was reported on **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Services were rendered.

**5:33 p.m.:** Suspicious activity was reported on **Jerusalem Road**. A caller reported someone had attempted to pry open his garage door. No entry was gained. Caller states he has touched the area where they tried to pry open the door.

## POLITICS

## Gannon supports Senate vote on equal pay

Plymouth/Norfolk State Senate candidate Paul Gannon announced his support for the action taken by the Senate to address the issue of equal pay for women. The Senate voted unanimously for a bill filed by state Sen. Patricia Jehlen, D-Somerville that would prohibit employers from discriminating based on gender when it comes to wages and other compensation.

"Massachusetts should be a leader in ensuring that women are paid the same as men for comparable work, and I believe this bill provides that leadership," Gannon said. "Additionally, I firmly believe that workers should be free to have discussions with other employees about their pay. This is a basic workers' right that needs to be protected."

Gannon urged the House to support Jehlen's bill, and called for Governor

Charlie Baker to sign it. The bill offers a more refined description of compatible work. It also makes it illegal for employers to forbid employees from discussing their salaries with others who work with them and post notices about employee rights under the bill.

"More and more families have both parents in the workplace, and there are many families where the woman is the sole breadwinner or the custodial parent. Legislators should assure an even playing field so women are never treated or paid at a lesser level than men," Gannon said.

A former Hingham School Committee member and former State Representative from South Boston, Gannon currently serves as selectman in Hingham, where he lives with his wife, Susan and daughters, Caroline and Jacqueline.

## POLITICS

## O'Connor reflects on service for Senate district

Upon being elected to the Weymouth Town Council at the age of 21, Patrick O'Connor was asked by then-Sen. Robert Hedlund to expand his public service and work for the Plymouth and Norfolk Senate district as his Legislative Director.

O'Connor served as Hedlund's point person on all legislative matters and the district's needs and concerns for eight years.

The Weymouth Republican is now a State Senate candidate running for the seat Hedlund held for more than two decades.

"Patrick's concern for constituent issues and grasp of knowledge on statewide and district issues facing the Senate are unmatched," said Hedlund, who is now Mayor of Weymouth.

"It was a pleasure to work with him every day and provide the residents of our communities the representation they deserve."

Some of the highlights of O'Connor's eight years

working for the district include helping with legislation to strengthen drunk driving penalties, reforming the state's affordable housing law, expanding veterans benefits, and handling thousands of constituent cases, he said.

"Whenever a resident of the district called our office, we made sure that their problem was heard, their issue was resolved to the best of our ability, and that they knew that our office cared," O'Connor said.

Hedlund noted that working alongside O'Connor during the housing crisis showed his true dedication and compassion.

"Patrick and I would be up here until 10 at night, day after day, talking to banks, trying to save people's homes," said Hedlund. "For the past eight years, Patrick has been working tirelessly on your behalf. Patrick is one of those people that just wants to get stuff done."

## OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.



## Anthony P. DeRosa

COHASSET – Anthony Paul DeRosa, age 92, a longtime resident of Cohasset, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2016 after a long illness.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret DeRosa and loving father of Richard DeRosa and wife Rosalind, Robert DeRosa and wife Laurie, and Linda DeRosa-Coakley and husband Richard Coakley. Adored grandfather of Alexandra Foote, Victoria DeRosa, Abigail Davis, and Meagan Coakley. Great-grandfather of Mason and Lila Foote. Brother of Mary, Alice, Nicholas and Leonard DeRosa. Also survived by his friend, Gail Vaughn.

Mr. DeRosa was a veteran of World War II, US Army. He

worked for over 40 years at the Boston Globe and Boston Herald as a member of the CWA/ITA International Typographers Union. Tony loved spending his summers on Sandy Beach in Cohasset.

Visiting hours were Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 160 So. Main St. (across from St. Anthony Church), Cohasset, followed by a service at 1 p.m. Interment followed at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

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## POLITICS

## Combating climate change

## Sea level rise priorities for Meschino

State Senate candidate Joan Meschino released a comprehensive plan to address climate change and combat sea level rise.

The Hull Democrat said she has prioritized these crucial environmental and infrastructure issues in her campaign and will continue to do so if elected to the Senate.

Meschino said she has spent more than a decade working on sea level mitigation strategies as a former Hull Selectman and current member of the Metropolitan

Beaches Commission.

If elected, Meschino said she'll request an appointment to the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change to ensure the South Shore has a strong, independent voice on an issue that disproportionately impacts the eight communities in the district.

"Climate change and sea level rise are issues that have and will continue to have profound and long term implications for every community in the district. As Senator, I will take a comprehensive approach to climate change and its devastating effects," she said.

"If the coastal communities of the South Shore speak as one on issues like sea walls, emergency response planning,

flood maps, and storm damage mitigation, we will have more leverage. Sea level rise, ocean warming, and climate change impact local economies; the security of where we live, and the health of our unique ecosystem."

Meschino's proposal includes:

■ Fully funding capital investments in coastline protection structures recommended by the Massachusetts Coastal Infrastructure Inventory and Assessment Project and MAPC.

■ Halting proposed construction of new large-scale gas pipelines and terminating plans to build a gas compressor station at Fore River Bridge in Weymouth.

■ Creating funding access

for towns to perform audits on public facilities and retrofit buildings to maximize energy efficiency.

■ Convening regular meetings with town officials across the district focused on climate change adaptation and preparedness.

■ Increasing renewable energy used by lifting the cap on solar net metering, to allow stalled solar projects move forward and create jobs.

■ Support legislative efforts for an omnibus energy bill, to address climate change causes and make Massachusetts a national leader on sustainability.

A lifelong South Shore resident, Meschino lives in Hull with her husband, John.

## CANDIDATES CORNER

## O'Connor enlists Haugh as campaign manager

Behind every successful political campaign is a team of hard-working individuals. Weymouth Town Councilor Becky Haugh manages Patrick O'Connor's campaign for State Senate and has

been a driving force behind much of its success.

Haugh attended Keene State College and received a degree in Economics with minor in Business Management. While in college, Haugh enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves as a diesel mechanic and upon

completion of her degree she attended Officer Candidates School and earned a commission in the United States Navy.

After serving six years in the military, Haugh moved to Weymouth with her husband, James and two children. She is a member of the North Weymouth Civic

Association, coaches Weymouth Youth Soccer and is active with other committees and organizations in town.

Haugh has been working full-time on O'Connor's campaign across the district. With her background and experience she has been an invaluable asset to the team, O'Connor said.



## JOURNALISM

## Cohasset Mariner takes home three awards Saturday

The banquet room at the Boston Park Plaza was abuzz with excitement Saturday during the New England Newspaper and Press Association's annual award dinner honoring winners in this year's Better Newspaper Competition.

Essentially "Oscar night" for journalists across the six-state region, the award banquet is the grand finale for of NENPA's annual convention — a weekend long event featuring a host of workshops and seminars for those in the news industry.

This year's contest drew more than 3,100 entries in a variety of editorial, photography and multimedia categories. The staff in GateHouse Media New England's South Unit — with offices in Hingham, Marshfield, Plymouth, Randolph and Taunton — brought home 18 awards Saturday night, including nine first-place prizes.

"It was another terrific showing by our talented group of journalists," South Unit Publisher Mark Oliveri said. "Day in and day

out, our reporters, editors and photographers produce outstanding content for our newspapers and Wicked Local websites and it's wonderful to see them honored for their excellence."

Editor-in-Chief Gregory Mathis was also delighted with the staff's success.

"Once again, our group of journalists and the newspapers and Wicked Local websites they represent had a terrific showing in this annual contest," Mathis said.

"A lot of hard work goes into what is represented the night of the annual newspaper awards dinner. It's always gratifying to see our dedicated journalists recognized in this prestigious contest that draws stiff competition from throughout the New England region."

Individual and staff awards were won across a wide range of editorial categories, including Community Involvement, General News, Reporting on Religious Issues, Environmental Reporting,

Science and Technology and Sports Reporting.

Cohasset Mariner reporter Amanda Thompson won first place in the sports story category for her series of articles on the community's junior and adult triathlons.

"You look at the races from the participants, the volunteers' and the organizers' points of view, giving a complete overview of the events and including the race's focus on diabetes research," the judges said of Thompson's winning work.

The Cohasset Mariner won second place for Community Involvement with its stories and selection process honoring Tom Wigmore as Citizen of the Year.

Staff photographer Robin Chan took home first place for Spot News Photo for an image capturing flooding in Scituate following one of last winter's major storms and a third place award for his Cohasset Mariner photo featuring Tom and Dee Wigmore.

## LECTURE SERIES

## Climate change law and policy

Center for Student Coastal Research's Lecture Series is back! And you don't want to miss the next free talk, Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Why not? Because it's all about how communities can better meet emerging threats like climate change and sea level rise. So, if you happened to drive around town during the most recent snow and rain storms that were accompanied by a little storm surge, you know climate change is coming to a town near you!

These threats require a fully informed citizenry — and that's why you want to attend.

CSCR's March 2 lecture is being given by Julia Wyman, Director of the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program. Wyman is an environmental attorney with national policy experience and an adjunct faculty member at the Roger Williams University School of Law where she teaches Climate Change Law and Policy.

Wyman's talk will focus on the tools that state and local decision-makers must leverage to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from, and successfully adapt to the impacts of coastal storms, erosion, and sea level rise. She will also address potential municipal liabilities related to climate change — hence, the need for you to be a fully informed citizen!

Come learn how law and policy research fit into coastal planning in ways that save time, money, and energy for planners and stakeholders. Don't miss this dynamic talk by a legal expert.

To say that this is a most timely talk for Cohasset residents interested in strengthening our town's resiliency to



Julia Wyman, Director of the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program. COURTESY PHOTO

climate change and sea level rise is a bit of understatement. CSCR staff, students, and members

of the board hope to see you at 40 Parker Ave., Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Quilt Show is Saturday, March 5

The Second Congregational Church in Cohasset has announced their annual Quilt Show with the expansion into textile art as well, from

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 5 in Bates Hall of the church, 43 Highland Ave.

Tickets to the show are \$15 and include an array of desserts served in a formal

setting with tea, coffee and beverages as well.

Contact Susi Coley at [rscoley@verizon.net](mailto:rscoley@verizon.net) for more information.

## DEMOCRATS HOST

## 'Breach' movie showing tonight

The next film featured by The Cohasset Democratic Town Committee will be the documentary, "The Breach," at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road.

The documentary takes a look at the diminishing salmon fisheries in the northwestern United States, particularly the fisheries in Oregon, Washington and Bristol Bay, Alaska. Efforts have been made in areas of the Elwha River, flowing through the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, to tear down dams and remove barriers to salmon swimming

up river to spawn. The documentary explains how salmon, after mating, spawning fry and dying, replenish the surrounding forests and support the animals and the Native Americans who have long been nourished by catching and eating the salmon.

The last robust salmon stock remains in Bristol Bay, Alaska, where native peoples have long depended on salmon as an important

part of their food supply while their historic fishery has enlivened their culture.

Learn how the producer of "The Breach," Mark Titus, "unravels a trail of human hubris, historical amnesia and potential tragedy looming in Alaska." The future of the most sustainable wild food left on the planet is in jeopardy. All are welcome to view this documentary. All movies are free; refreshments are served.

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### GRADE 10

Grace Alves, Matthew Dickey, Brian Doyle, Kate Fitzpatrick, Kyle McFetridge, Margaret No, ton, Lucy St. Sauveur and David Tierney.

### GRADE 11

Joseph Campedelli, Brigid Driscoll, Emma Humphrey, Marina Longo, Emma Morris, Liam O'Connell, Andrew Skolnick and Yvette Wenner.

### GRADE 12

Olivia Arnold, Samantha Campedelli, Joseph Cavanaro, John Clay, Meghan Considine, Molly Cunningham, Megan Dooley, Alba Fernandez, Katherine Gibbons, Brittany Guempel, Christian Hanke, Morgan Healey, Alexandra Lanier, Grace Lucier, Sean Mavilia, Megan Rosano, Nicholas Rosen, Julia Stanganelli, Nancy Thomas, Daniel Toomey and Sophie Wolfe.

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Courtney Shanley, Cole Speer, Dean Spicer, Diana Sturdy, Allison Tolosko, Lydia Vigneau and Bridget Wixted.

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### GRADE 11

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## HEALTH, REC FAIR

## Free skin cancer screening

On Sunday, March 20th, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Blum Family Resource Center Van will return to the Cohasset Health & Recreation Fair at the Deer Hill School from 1 to 4 p.m. The van is a stand alone skin center on wheels with educational information about skin cancer and prevention. FREE Skin Screenings by a Brigham & Women's Dermatologist will be scheduled in 10-minute intervals. Visitors also get a free instant UV photo to show sun damage to their skin and will receive free sunscreen samples.

"Being screened in this van can be a huge wake up call for some. Cohasset females have the highest rate of melanoma compared to Hingham, Scituate and Hull," says Mary Goodwin, Cohasset's Public Health Nurse and Co-director of the Health & Recreation Fair. "In 2015, 60 percent of new cases of melanoma occurred in white men over the age of 62. Both of these statistics should be enough to fill the 30 screening appointments that are available that day. Prevention and early detection are the goal."

Boating, paddling,



Blum Family Resource Van is coming to the Health & Rec. Fair on March 20th. COURTESY PHOTO

### The risk of developing melanoma increases with age and you're never too young to start taking preventive measures.

swimming, running, walking, you name it, Cohasset residents spend a lot of time outdoors. These activities help keep your body in shape but they also put everyone at greater risk of sun damage. The risk of developing

melanoma increases with age and you're never too young to start taking preventive measures.

—Call Mary Goodwin at 781-383-2210 ext. 130 or email her at MGoodwin@CohassetMA.org to schedule your appointment for March 20th. It's first come first served and could be the most important 10 minutes of your life. Reserve your screening appointment today!

## LIBRARY CORNER

## Don't miss Author Talks

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit [cohassetlibrary.org](http://cohassetlibrary.org).

## SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS:

Two Sunday Author Talks events are coming up. Sue Miller will talk about her book *The Arsonist* at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sunday, Feb. 28th at 4 p.m. and Christian Appy will give a talk about his book *American Reckoning: The Vietnam War and Our National Identity* on Sunday, March 6th at 4 p.m. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow each talk. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

## MOVIE MATINEE AT THE LIBRARY:

Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library on Friday, March 4th at 11:00 am. Shaw's of Cohasset will donate light refreshments. Call the library for movie details.

## ART RECEPTION:

The South Shore Art Center presents an exhibit of new pastel paintings of



Pastels by Heather Collins will be on display from March 1 through April 30. COURTESY PHOTO

Southwest, Maine, Italy, South Shore by local artist Heather Collins at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library from March 1 through April 30, 2016. There will be a display of approximately 30 recent pastel paintings. A reception will take place at the Library on Sunday, March 20 from 2-5 p.m.

Ranging in subject from Georgia O'Keefe's ranch in Abiqui, New Mexico, to coastal Maine to Lake Como to scenes of the South Shore, Ms. Collins' show, "Sightlines" offers images of very different places that have captured her imagination.

## LIBRARY KIDS

## Barn Babies coming March 19

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: [cohassetlibrary.org](http://cohassetlibrary.org).

## BARN BABIES, LIVE ANIMAL SHOW, SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH:

The Barn Babies are coming! They will be bringing baby animals for us to snuggle, cuddle, and learn about. Register online at [www.cohassetlibrary.org](http://www.cohassetlibrary.org). Workshop options are 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 & 2:30. Space is limited. For more information about the Barn Babies go to [barnbabies.com](http://barnbabies.com).

## Programs

## DROP IN CRAFTS:

Between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursdays

MAMASTEPH: 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Feb. 29, March 14, 21 and 28

STORYTIME WITH MRS. MOODY: 10:30 a.m. March 1, 15, 29

PARTNER READING WITH SOPHIE THE THERAPY DOG: 4-5 p.m. March 1 and 15

PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND FRIENDS: 10:30 a.m. March 8 and 22

LEGO CLUB: 4-5 p.m. Mondays, March 14 and 28

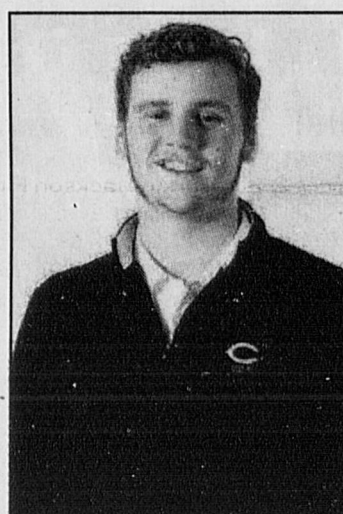
## Special Events

EARLY RELEASE DAY STEAM PROGRAM: 1-3 p.m. March 1. Makey Makey and Minecraft with Thi from the Rhode Island Computer Museum: Register online at [cohassetlibrary.org](http://cohassetlibrary.org). Ages 7 and older. Funded by a grant from the South Shore Music Circus.

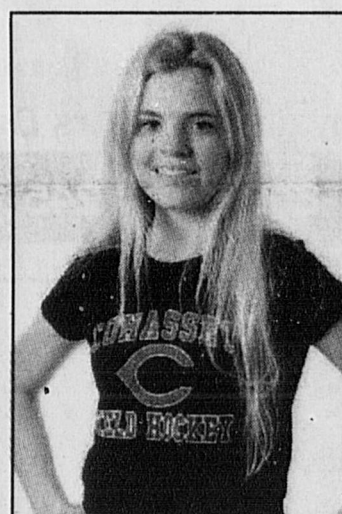
1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Accept the challenge. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information: [1000books-beforekindergarten-program.org](http://1000books-beforekindergarten-program.org)

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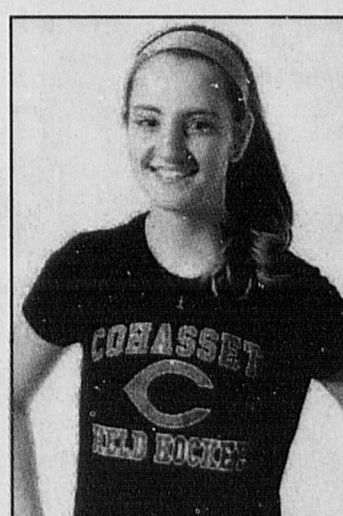
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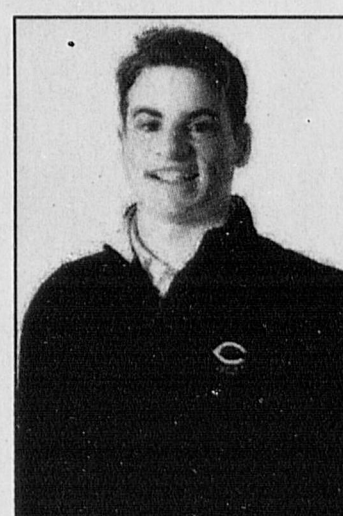
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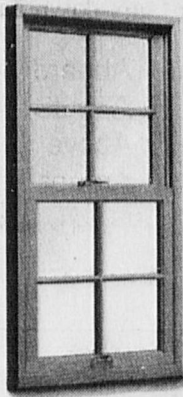
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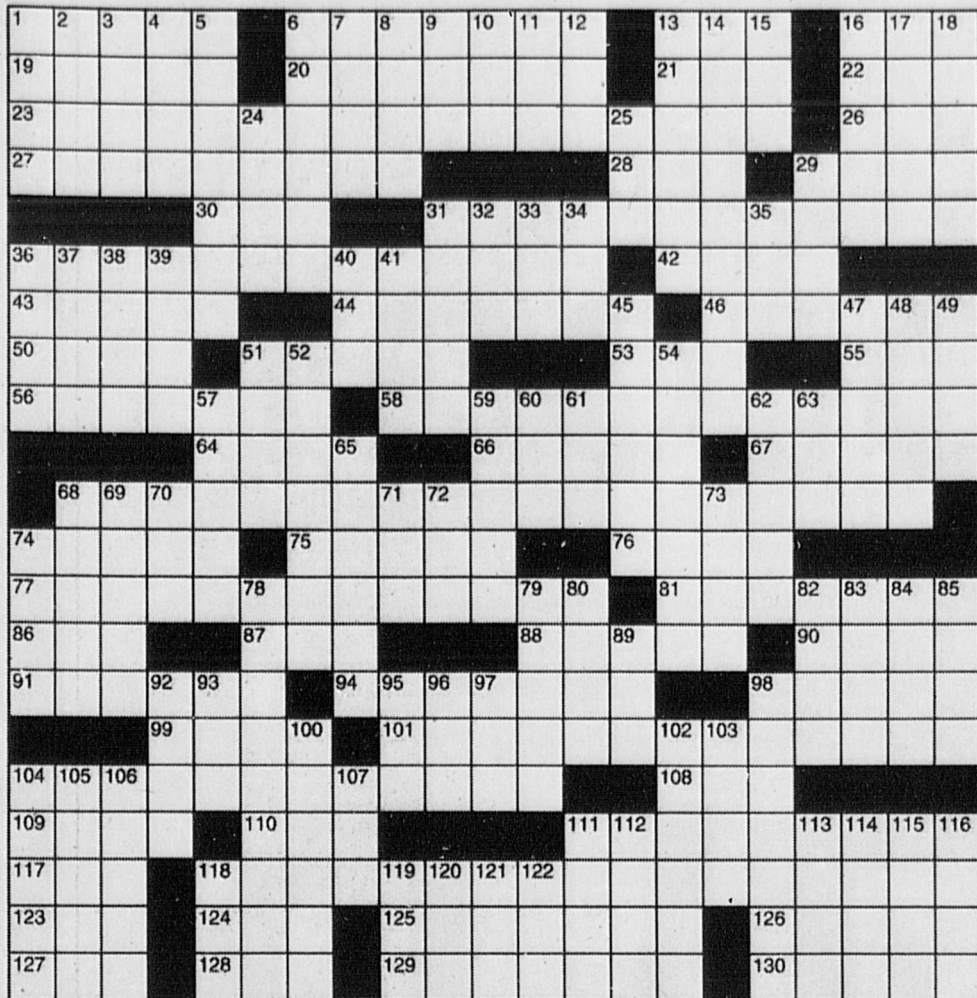
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# PUZZLES

## Crossword • NATIONAL REPLACEMENTS



**ACROSS**

1 Flynn of old films  
6 Hardly subtle  
13 Census datum  
16 Actor Belushi  
19 Primed  
20 Its capital is Bucharest  
21 Install, as tile  
22 Prefix with polar  
23 Old directory-assistance request, in Belmopan?  
26 Pan coverer  
27 Vitamins, e.g.  
28 "—-hawl!"  
29 Ale barrels  
30 Caesar of 1950s TV  
31 Add an inducement, in Stockholm?  
36 Rock band staple, in Doha?  
42 Galaxy unit  
43 Steelmaking places  
44 Divided-skirt garment  
46 Really anger  
50 — facto  
51 In the vicinity

53 Early TV comic Louis  
55 Contemptible  
56 Alternative to GPS  
58 Tart pie topping, in Sanaa?  
64 "Break —!" ("Do well!")  
66 Duo quadrupled  
67 Gets close to  
68 Dependents expecting meals, in Budapest?  
74 Mortise's counterpart  
75 Full-speed, archaically  
76 Place to live  
77 Really tough puzzle, in Manama?  
81 Like Bach's music  
86 Paul's "Exodus" role  
87 RR building  
88 Less effectual  
90 — lang syne  
91 Hip-hop artist  
94 Bona fide  
98 Radiate  
99 Jai —

101 Hand over a duty, in Thimphu?  
104 Beach Boys hit, in Kigali?  
108 Will be now?  
109 Locality  
110 Lav, in Bath  
111 Promise  
117 Deli salmon  
118 Orwell novel, in Port-au-Prince?  
123 Sch. URL ender  
124 Sporty truck, briefly  
125 Norm  
126 Ornamental ruffle  
127 "You're right"  
128 Actor Wass  
129 Argue in too much detail  
130 Long suit

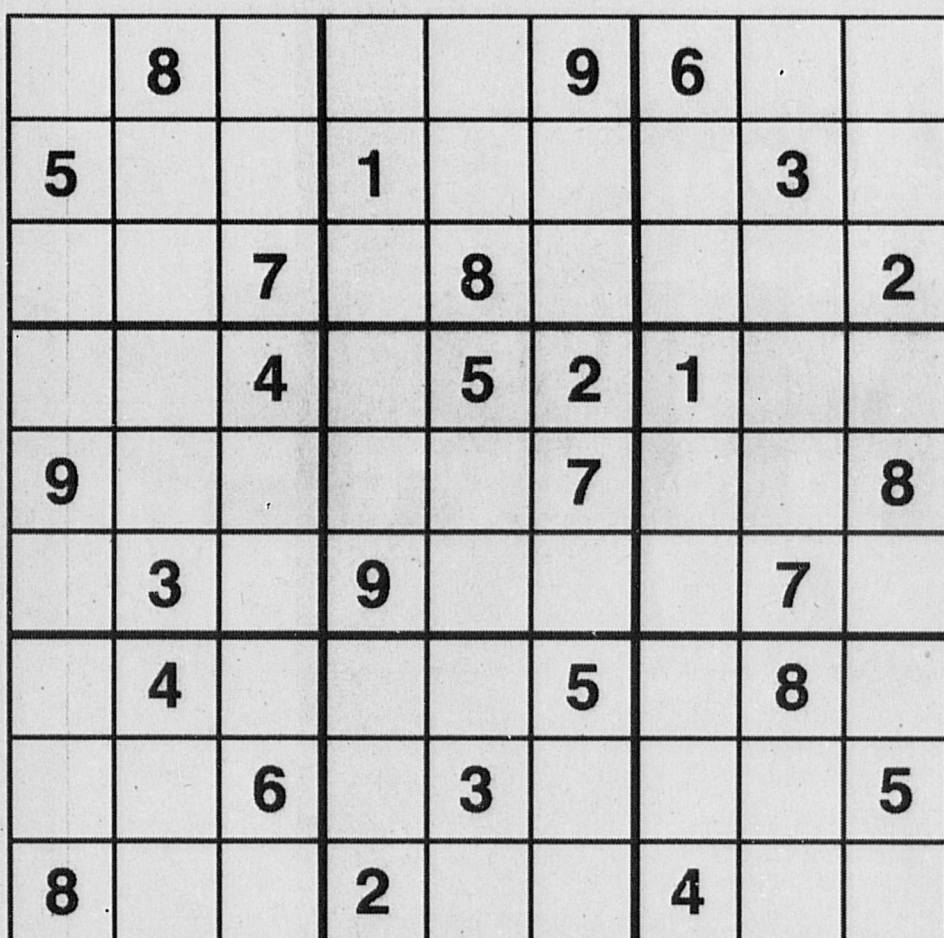
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9 Lao-tzu's universal  
10 Journalist Curry  
11 Pen tip  
12 — kwon do  
13 Vulcans, e.g.  
14 Dictionary of geography  
15 Needle hole  
16 Kentucky Derby drink  
17 — Montoya ("The Princess Bride" swordsman)  
18 Center  
24 Israeli leader Golda  
25 Soap stuff  
29 Deborah of "The King and I"  
31 La — (Philadelphia university)  
32 Intl. commerce group  
33 Munch on  
34 Richard Gere title  
35 Fictional Solo  
36 Arabian ruler  
37 Lead-in to suction  
38 Snow queen in "Frozen"

39 Blockhead  
40 300, to Livy  
41 Pier  
45 Tangle up  
47 Pond flora  
48 Melon, e.g.  
49 Lea females  
51 "Tra" follower  
52 Producing an effect  
54 So-far nonexistent  
57 Carta lead-in  
59 Everest, e.g.  
60 Outer: Prefix  
61 High degree  
62 Conclude  
63 Premaritally named  
65 Duffel with workout gear, maybe  
68 "You could — pin drop"  
69 Far from cool  
70 "— any drop to drink" starch  
71 Egyptian — (spotted cat breed)  
72 Grafton's "— for Outlaw"  
73 Sharif of film  
74 Ski lift type  
78 Manna eater  
79 Donovan of "Clueless"  
80 Speak wildly

82 Waikiki site  
83 Cease  
84 Arm bone  
85 Early utopia  
89 "I'm not impressed"  
92 The old man  
93 Samara-dropping tree  
95 Green gp.  
96 Indian bread  
97 Amer. money  
98 County officer  
100 Pressed  
102 Less difficult  
103 Very dry, as champagne  
104 Bill — and  
105 Whittle away  
106 Infinitival  
107 Adversity  
111 Starbucks' captain  
112 Pudding  
113 '60s hairdo  
114 Dark genre  
115 Unorthodox sect  
116 — Stanley Gardner  
118 Brazil —  
119 Bistro check  
120 Cain raiser  
121 Slithery fish  
122 Pro-gun gp.

## Sudoku



Level: HOO BOY!

### Here's How It Works:

**Sudoku** puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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M K I N A U F D D B Z X W T U  
S Q O D L C N T E E L J C Y H  
F D C O O A A P T V Y U E W V  
T S S N N B Q U A O D B D P N  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Abandoned Abduct About Absorb  
Abated Abhor Above Abstract  
Abbey Abide Abrupt

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## HOROSCOPE

### Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Whatever decisions you're faced with this week, rely on your strong Aries instincts, and base them on your honest feelings, not necessarily on what others might expect you to do.

**TAURUS** (April 30 to May 20) Your sensitive Taurean spirit is pained by what you feel is an unwarranted attack by a miffed colleague. But your sensible self should see it as proof that you must be doing something right.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) More fine-tuning might be in order before you can be absolutely certain that you're on the right track. Someone close to you might offer to help. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The week continues to be a balancing act 'twixt dreaming and doing. But by week's end, you should have a much better idea of what you actually plan to do and how you plan to do it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Changing your plans can be risky, but it can

also be a necessary move. Recheck your facts before you act. Tense encounters should ease by midweek, and all should be well by the weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might still be trying to adjust to recent changes. But things should improve considerably as you get to see some positive results. An uneasy personal matter calls for more patience.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your good intentions are finally recognized, and long-overdue appreciation should follow. Keep working toward improvements wherever you think they're necessary.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 2) Try to look at your options without prejudging any of them. Learn the facts, and then make your assessments. Spend the weekend enjoying films, plays and musical events.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Someone might want to take advantage of the Sagittarian's

sense of fair play. But before you ride off to right what you've been told is a wrong, be sure of your facts.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might be surprised to learn that not everyone agrees with your ideas. But this can prove to be a good thing. Go over them and see where improvements can be made.

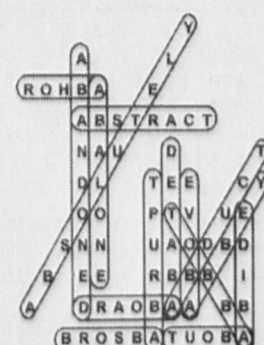
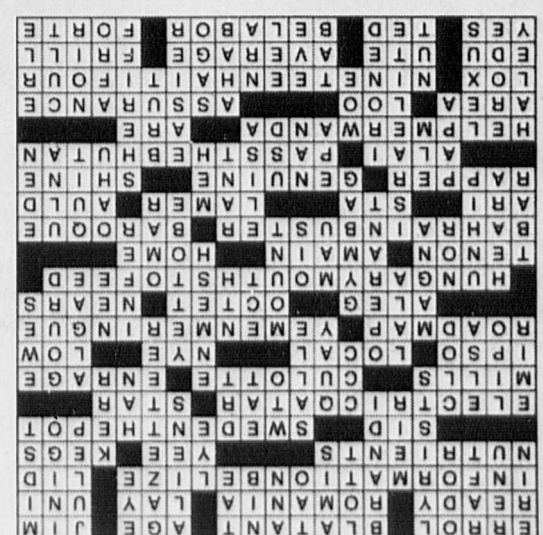
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) After taking advice on a number of matters in recent months, expect to be called on to return the gesture. And, by the way, you might be surprised at who makes the request.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Reassure everyone concerned that a change of mind isn't necessarily a change of heart. You might still want to pursue a specific goal, but feel a need to change the way you'll get there.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are able to make room in your heart for others, and that makes you a very special person in their lives.

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## SOLUTIONS



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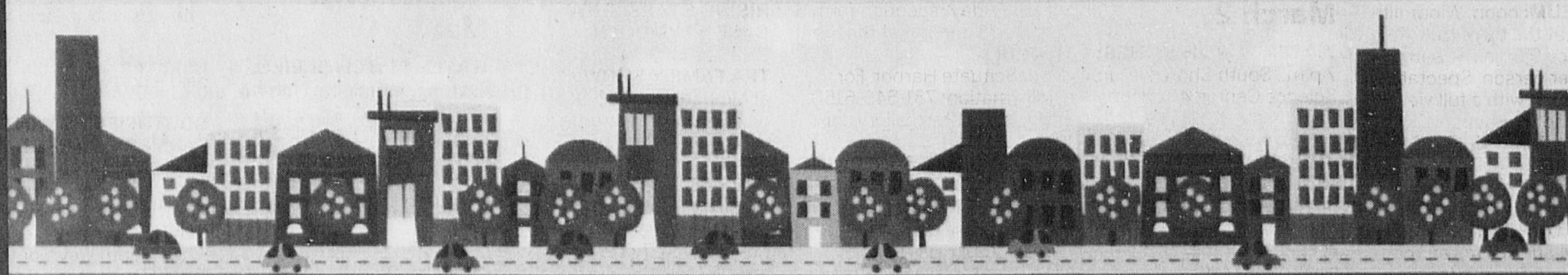
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# CALENDAR

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Event information can be input online by following the directions at the bottom of this page, sent by email to [scaledar@wickedlocal.com](mailto:scaledar@wickedlocal.com) or sent by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Photos should be a jpeg with a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3X5 inches in size. For more information call 508-591-6623.

## Snow Row gets underway Feb. 27

**WHEN:** 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27  
**WHAT:** 39th annual Snow Row in Hull  
**INFO:** The Snow Row, presented by Hull Life-saving Museum, starts at Windmill Point, at the tip of Hull. Registration 9:30

a.m.; entry fee \$25 per person. Spectators can watch with a full view from the Boathouse.  
**FOR INFORMATION:** 781-925-5433, [www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org](http://www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org).



## The Young Irelanders perform at Company Theatre Feb. 27

**WHEN:** 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27  
**WHAT:** The Young Irelanders dancers at Company Theatre  
**INFO:** The Young Irelanders will perform an Irish music song and dance spectacular at The Company Theatre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets are \$32.  
**FOR INFORMATION:** 781-871-2787, [www.companytheatre.com](http://www.companytheatre.com)



## New art exhibit on display through May

**WHEN:** On display through May 15  
**WHAT:** Exhibit at Art Complex Museum in Duxbury  
**INFO:** Artworks by three New England artists: Pat Gerkin, Donna Hamil Talman and Charyl Weissbach, on display Feb. 21 to May 15 at The Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden St., Duxbury. An ancient art dating back centuries and now undergoing a popular revival will be on view in the exhibit. "Compelling Progressions: Explorations in Encaustic." The basic processes involved are heating, cooling,



building up and scraping back layers of wax. Pictured: "Unfamiliar Terrain" by Pat Gerkin, 2015.  
**FOR INFORMATION:** 781-934-6634, [www.artcomplex.org](http://www.artcomplex.org).

## Friday, Feb. 26

**OWL PROWL:** 6-7:15 p.m., Myles Standish State Forest, Carver. Presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries. Free program; preregistration required. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

**CURRENT VISIONS - TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION:** 6-8 p.m., opening reception, at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. National Association of Women Artists, Massachusetts Chapter. Work in all media: oil painting, fresco, pastel painting, mixed media, watercolor, encaustic, monoprint, and acrylic painting. For information: 781-383-2787, [www.ssac.org](http://www.ssac.org).

**CHURCH HILL COFFEEHOUSE:** 7:30 to 9 p.m., Church Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11 Church St., Norwell. The Church Hill Coffeehouse is a monthly event featuring local entertainers. Desserts and coffee available. The event is held in the Fellowship Center of the Church. This month's featured entertainers are Kelsey Gilbert and Paul Doolittle. For information: 781-826-4763; [chumcnorwell.com](http://chumcnorwell.com).

**MISSION OF BLUES TO PERFORM:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. No cover charge. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpagecafe.com](http://thenextpagecafe.com).

## Saturday, Feb. 27

**39TH ANNUAL SNOW ROW PRESENTED BY HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM:** noon, Windmill Point, at the tip of Hull. Registration 9:30 a.m.; entry fee \$25 per person. Spectators can watch with a full view from the Boathouse. For information: 781-925-5433, [www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org](http://www.hulllifesavingmuseum.org).

**THE YOUNG IRELANDERS:** 4 and 8 p.m., at The Company Theatre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Irish music, song and dance spectacular. Tickets are \$32. To order tickets, or for more information, visit [www.companytheatre.com](http://www.companytheatre.com), call the box office at 781-871-2787, or email [boxoffice@companytheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@companytheatre.com).

**SYD SLACKS TO PERFORM:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. No cover charge. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpagecafe.com](http://thenextpagecafe.com).

**"DESERT OASIS" A STORY TOLD THROUGH DANCE:** 8 p.m., North River Theater, 513 River St., Norwell. Produced by NBDA's South Shore and Cape chapters. Fundraiser for DOVE. Share in the stories, prayers and passions of a market place in a desert oasis. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For information: 617-480-6464, 508-888-2210, [tcvangel@yahoo.com](mailto:tcvangel@yahoo.com).

## Sunday, Feb. 28

**ACCESSIBLE ARTS DAY OPEN HOUSE:** 2-4 p.m., South Shore Conservatory's Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. Although all are welcome to attend, this free open house is designed to demonstrate to families and health care providers the transformative nature creative arts therapies can have on individuals living with learning and aging challenges. Caregivers can also find care for self, utilizing music, art, and yoga therapy. For information: 781-934-2731, ext. 20, [e.montague@sscmusic.org](mailto:e.montague@sscmusic.org), [www.sscmusic.org](http://www.sscmusic.org).

**SOUTH SHORE CONSERVATORY'S BAY YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT:** 3 p.m., Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., Hanover. The concert includes works by Offenbach and Saint-Saens, as well as selections from the musical "Les Misérables." Admission is free for students K-12. Adult tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at the door. For information: [www.sscmusic.org/orchestra.html](http://www.sscmusic.org/orchestra.html).

## Wednesday, March 2

**WATER WATCH SERIES:** 7 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free lecture series presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association. "Boston Light 300th Birthday," Sally Snowman, Boston Lighthouse keeper. For information: [www.nsrwa.org](http://www.nsrwa.org).

## Thursday, March 3

**JOHN MORICONI WILL PERFORM:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Moriconi on trumpet with Willie J. Laws Band to start. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpagecafe.com](http://thenextpagecafe.com).

## Friday, March 4

**MARCH MOVIE MADNESS:** The Hitchcock Film Series, 2 p.m., watch a classic Hitchcock film at the Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield, every Friday during the month of March. Free event, no tickets required. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Contact Rachel at the Reference Desk if you have any questions. March 4: "Rear Window." March 11: "The Birds." March 18: "Dial M for Murder." March 25: "Psycho." For information: 781-834-5535, [r.green@ocln.org](mailto:r.green@ocln.org).

**COASTAL PRINTMAKERS EXHIBIT - MAKE IT YOUR OWN:** March 4-30, with free opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. March 4, at James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. This exhibition will show a variety of printmaking techniques by creating original prints and will include etchings, solarplates and monoprints. For information: 781-659-7100, [www.jameslibrary.org](http://www.jameslibrary.org).

**"ALL NEW" ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION:** 6-9 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. Art by South Shore artist Dianne Panarelli Miller will be on display March 4-31. Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, still-lives and portraits. Painting demo 10 a.m. to noon March 19. For information: 781-749-0430 or visit [www.southstreetgallery.com](http://www.southstreetgallery.com).

**"MOGAN'S MARINE SCENES AND MORE" PAINTINGS BY ARTIST PAUL MOGAN ON DISPLAY:** March 3 to 20 with a First Friday reception from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate Harbor. For information: 781-545-6150, [www.frontstartgallery.com](http://www.frontstartgallery.com).

**FREE PUBLIC SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "BECOMING HOME":** 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Marshfield High School, 167 Forest St., Marshfield, followed by a short Q and A session. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. "Becoming Home" is a documentary chronicling the first year after the death of the mother of Michael DuBois, of Marshfield, the filmmaker. The film was produced by Plymouth native Larissa Farrell. Polcari's Bridgway Inn of Marshfield is sponsoring the event, leaving it free and open for the public to attend. For more information, see [dreamofthewoods.com](http://dreamofthewoods.com).

**RACKY THOMAS BAND:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpagecafe.com](http://thenextpagecafe.com).

## Saturday, March 5

**DO-IT-YOURSELF WEATHER FORECASTING:** 1-2:30 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Learn some do-it-yourself weather forecasting using time-honored techniques. Presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries. \$10/\$8 member adult, \$8/\$6 member child, ages 4 and up. Preregistration required. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

**THROWDOWN WILL PERFORM:** 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, [thenextpagecafe.com](http://thenextpagecafe.com).

## Sunday, March 6

**HINGHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL PREVIEW:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., South Shore Conservatory invites jazz lovers to a jazz brunch in Cox Hall at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. The event will feature the varied talents of SSC's own jazz/rock/pop department faculty members playing jazzy favorites. Enjoy brunch items including egg dish, bacon, pastries and Bloody Marys. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children age 12 and under. For information: 781-749-7565, ext. 20, [www.sscmusic.org/hingham-jazz-festival.html](http://www.sscmusic.org/hingham-jazz-festival.html).

**RISEING STARS SHOWCASE, PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FAMILY SHOW:** 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Instrument demos at 2 p.m. Performances by the Plymouth Children's Chorus and winner of South Shore Conservatory's Youth Concerto Competition. Tickets from \$8 to \$20. Call 508-746-8008 or visit [plymouthphil.org](http://plymouthphil.org).

**TRIO TREMONTI:** 3 p.m., James Library, 24 West St., Norwell. Mexican-born violinist Saul Bitrán, Chilean cellist Jan Müller-Szeraws and Israeli pianist Sally Pinkas to perform music by Ravel, Dvořák and Turina. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$22 per senior, \$10 per student. For information: 781-659-7100, [www.jameslibrary.org](http://www.jameslibrary.org).

**FRIENDS IN SONG:** 3 p.m., Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square, Plymouth. "Banks and Braes: A Cappella in the Celtic Tradition" offers light concert repertoire featuring beloved and newly discovered tunes of the Celtic lands, including sea shanties, ballads and contemporary selections. Suggested free will offering, donations offered to the church. For information: 508-746-3026, [8townsquare.org](http://8townsquare.org).

## Monday, March 7

**BIRDING BY VAN:** 9-11:30 a.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries. \$15/\$12 member. Preregistration required. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

**ITALIAN SAUSAGE NIGHT:** 7 p.m. at Grove Manor 160 Grove St., rear building, Braintree. Italian-American Cultural Organization of the South Shore will hold a general meeting, then there will be a demonstration on making Italian sausages and dinner. Buffet dinner of Italian sausage sandwiches, pizza and salad. Cost of admission is \$15 pp. Proceeds to the event to sponsor scholarship fund. All are welcome. For information: 781-843-5095, [www.southshoreiaco.com](http://www.southshoreiaco.com).

## Tuesday, March 8

**LITTLE NATURALISTS:** 9:30-10:30 a.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through June, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Led by Marilyn Christmann, retired teacher. Presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries. For children ages 3-5 with adult. \$7/\$5 member child (no charge for accompanying adults). Preregistration is required. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

## Wednesday, March 9

**WATER WATCH SERIES:** 7 p.m., South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell. Free lecture series presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association. "Lessons Learned from the Largest Wetland Restoration Project in Massachusetts," Alex Hackman, restoration specialist, Mass Department of Fish and Game's Division of Ecological Restoration. For information: [www.nsrwa.org](http://www.nsrwa.org).

## Thursday, March 10

**FACE TO FACE WITH BILL BRETT:** 6:30 p.m. at South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, Cohasset. A natural raconteur and Irish storyteller, Brett will talk about the people featured in his books "Boston Irish" and "Boston Women." A unique pop-up exhibition will be on display of his work over the years. Limited editions of his photographs will be for sale and there will be a silent auction. Tickets, which include light refreshments and signed copy of either book, are \$25 SSAC members, \$50 nonmembers. For book talk only, \$10. For information: 781-383-2787, [ssac.org](http://ssac.org).

## Friday, March 11

**DOG WALK AND SENSORY HIKE:** 4-5:30 p.m., North Hill Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, off Mayflower Street, Duxbury. Presented by Mass Audubon South Shore Sanctuaries. On this sensory adventure, both humans and canines are invited to share in the sights, sounds, and smells of the trail, and do some tracking. Take "doggie-bags," artd be sure your dog is properly vaccinated and leashed, and friendly with people and other dogs. \$10/\$8 member adult. Preregistration is required. For information: 781-837-9400, [massaudubon.org/southshore](http://massaudubon.org/southshore).

## Ongoing

**CUBAN POLITICAL POSTERS:** February exhibit in the Clemens Gallery at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. The posters are from a Stephen Lewis collection of more than 5,300 items. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information: 781-741-1405, [www.hinghamlibrary.org](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org).

**WINTER MARSHFIELD FARMERS' MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday, November to May, at 140 Main St., Marshfield, offers local fresh produce, pastured meats/chicken/eggs, cheese/dairy, rabbit, seafood, baked goods, fresh hot/cold prepared foods as well as select artisans with home goods, soaps/personal care products and services. Free admission for this family friendly event with live music, free kids' activity, and free demos too. For information: 781-635-0889, [www.marshfieldfair.org](http://www.marshfieldfair.org).

**SOUTHFIELD'S WINTER FARMERS MARKET:** open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6 through March 19, at Shea Fitness Center, 495 Shea Memorial Drive, South Weymouth. The indoor seasonal market will feature farm fresh local produce, gourmet grab-and-go items, baked goods, fish, coffee, tea, dairy, meat, poultry and fresh juices from area vendors. The Weymouth Food Pantry will be on site weekly collecting donations of fresh produce and canned goods. The organization provides about 5 percent of Weymouth residents with nutritious food each month. An art wall featuring local and youth artists as well as photographers will change weekly. For information: [www.southfield.com](http://www.southfield.com).

**CHURCH HILL COFFEEHOUSE:** 7:30 to 9 p.m., Church Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11 Church St., Norwell. The Church Hill Coffeehouse is a monthly event featuring local entertainers. Desserts and coffee available. The event is held in the Fellowship Center of the Church. For information: 781-826-4763; [chumcnorwell.com](http://chumcnorwell.com).

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CALENDAR EVENT

Here are some tips on getting your event information posted to the Wicked Local calendar and included in this regional calendar:

**REGISTER:** Find the Events Calendar on your Wicked Local homepage in the bottom right portion on the website and click on the Add Event button. Click the Register link in the top right hand corner of your calendar page, above Add Event. Enter an email address, first name, last name, password, and password confirmation. Once you click "Register," a verification email will be sent to the email address with which you registered. Be sure to confirm your account through that email to complete the process. Once registered, you will have the ability to add events.  
**ADD AN EVENT:** Click the Add Event button. Fill in required fields such as event title, date, time, category, and venue. Events may be set up to repeat daily,

weekly, monthly, or by manually adding additional dates.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

■ The more detail the better in the event description field and there is a section to provide optional contact information.  
 ■ Categories are important for tagging events with discoverable search terms and eases a visitor's ability to find the type of events they are looking to attend. An event can have multiple categories.  
 ■ Events must be matched to a known venue. You can also add a new venue if your venue is not listed.  
 ■ Events are subject to review before appearing on the site.  
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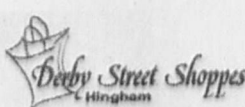
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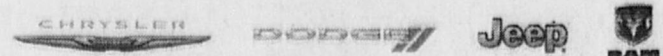
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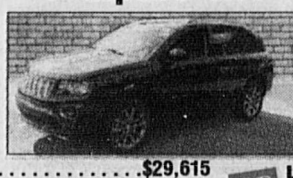
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